

Devastating speech encourages Heseltine to make leadership bid today

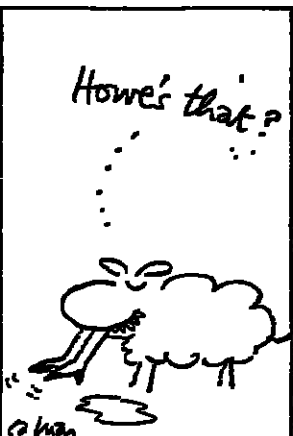
Howe attack on Thatcher leaves MPs gasping

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

A DEVASTATING speech to the Commons by Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday, explaining his resignation as deputy prime minister, left Margaret Thatcher battling for survival in the Tory leadership contest expected to be launched today by a declaration from Michael Heseltine that he will run against her.

Ministers and Conservative MPs were left gasping as Sir Geoffrey warned that the prime minister was risking Britain's future by her attitude to Europe, incited the rest of the cabinet to follow him on to the backbenches, and encouraged Mr Heseltine to mount a leadership challenge.

He blamed her refusal to listen to him and Nigel Lawson for the past five years over entry to the European exchange rate mechanism for sending Britain's inflation level to its present high levels quite unnecessarily. And Sir Geoffrey revealed a secret long suspected in Westminster, saying that he and Mr Lawson, when they were foreign secretary and chancellor, jointly



threatened to resign at the time of the Madrid summit in July 1989 if she did not pledge to take Britain into the ERM. Expressing sadness and dismay that he had had to resign when his instinct for loyalty to Mrs Thatcher was still very real after two decades, Sir Geoffrey condemned her for conjuring up nightmares over Europe and said that cabinet government was about trying to persuade from within. That he had tried to do.

"But I realise now the task has become futile, of trying to stretch the meaning of words beyond what was credible, of trying to pretend there was a common policy, when every step forward risked being subverted by some casual comment or impulsive answer."

"The conflict of loyalty to the prime minister... and the loyalty I perceive to the true interest of this nation has become all too great. I no longer believe it possible to resolve that conflict from within this government. That is why I have resigned. In doing so, I've done what I believe to be right, for my party and my country. The time has come for others to consider their own response to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I have myself wrestled for perhaps too long."

As Westminster seethed with speculation last night about how badly the prime minister had been damaged, loyalists last night called Sir Geoffrey's speech "an incitement to mutiny". They accused him of abusing the resignation speech procedure and of personal pique.

But many Tory MPs believed that Sir Geoffrey had seriously damaged the prime minister's hopes of winning enough votes in the first round of a leadership contest to quash the Heseltine challenge there and then.

David Howell, a former cabinet minister and now the chairman of the Commons foreign affairs select committee, said: "I think it must influence people to realise something is badly wrong. We cannot go on as we are. There will have to be changes, whether under the present leadership or under a new leadership."

Sir Dennis Walters, MP for Westbury, said: "It was an indictment of the prime minister's conduct of policy in the European negotiations. It must be in the interests of the Conservative party that there should now be a change of leadership. She should go."

Another former minister, Jerry Wiggin, MP for Weston-super-Mare, declared: "There was no dead sheep about that performance. It was devastating. I have never heard the likes of it in more than 20 years. It was calculated to inflict the maximum damage." Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Clwyd North West, who challenged Mrs Thatcher for the leadership last year, said: "A wonderful performance. He has done her fatal damage."

Sir Neil Macfarlane, a former Tory minister close to Mr Heseltine, said of the speech: "It is the most damning indictment of the past five years from a man who is so eloquent and whose prime objective is to serve."

But Tony Favell, who resigned as John Major's private parliamentary secretary to speak out on Europe, said that while he respected Sir Geoffrey's wish to put on record his differences, personal attacks on somebody with whom he had worked for 15 years were uncalled for "and smacks of a man who is very sour".

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Ex-military chiefs oppose a challenge

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FORMER military chiefs who "depended on strong political leadership" during the Falklands conflict in 1982 gave a warning yesterday that a change in prime minister with the prospect of war looming in the Gulf would send the wrong signals to Iraq.

Lord Lewin, who, as chief of the defence staff, was Mrs Thatcher's principal military adviser during the conflict with Argentina, said it would be "crazy" to have a switch in leadership at this stage of the confrontation.

Mrs Thatcher, he said, was the only leader who had experience of "directing military operations from the political point of view". He added: "Others should listen to her and have respect for her views."

Lord Lewin was echoing remarks made on Sunday by Tom King, the defence secretary, during a television

interview. Mr King said a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership would undermine the morale of British troops in the Gulf.

The former defence chief first aired his views on BBC Radio's *Today* programme yesterday. Later he said he had decided to speak out because no one from the military side had given a view about a possible challenge to Mrs Thatcher. He denied anyone in government had "put him up to it".

Two of his successors, Lord Fieldhouse and Lord Bramall, expressed similar views yesterday. Lord Bramall, chief of the defence staff from 1982 to 1985, said: "At present we're playing a game of poker with Saddam Hussein. It's not for military men to enter the political arena but a leadership crisis in the middle of all this will not make our bargaining position any easier."



Under fire: Sir Geoffrey being listened to intently by Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major

TGWU ballot arrests

By KEVIN EASON

SCOTLAND Yard detectives investigating alleged ballot rigging in Britain's biggest union yesterday carried out a series of arrests on Merseyside. Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, called in the police after he had to suspend the first national postal vote.

A re-run of the ballot to elect 39 officers to the ruling executive council cost the union £250,000. Commander Roy Penrose, head of the serious crime branch, refused to confirm how many people were arrested.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "Officers from New Scotland Yard, assisted by officers from Merseyside, arrested a number of people at addresses in the Merseyside area following enquiries into alleged criminal activities in association with the TGWU ballot."

Senior TGWU officials based in Liverpool were thought to be among six people questioned at police stations in Merseyside. An official in London was also thought to have been helping with enquiries.

Kremlin 'backs a Yeltsin coalition'

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, the outspoken president of the Russian Federation, claimed yesterday that Mikhail Gorbachev had supported his idea for a coalition government of national unity to guide the Soviet Union through its present difficulties.

Mr Yeltsin was reporting to the Russian parliament on his meeting with President Gorbachev on Sunday. His half-hour statement was the first public comment on the meeting by either participant.

The Russian leader said that a formal document setting out the agreements he and Mr Gorbachev had reached would

be published "in the next three or four days". The Russian Federation, he said, would ask for the right to nominate the prime minister, defence and finance ministers in a new central government structure.

Later Vitali Ignatenko, President Gorbachev's press spokesman, said that talk of a coalition did not mean that Mr Gorbachev had agreed to the removal of the present government, headed by Nikolai Ryzhkov. He said that the Gorbachev-Yeltsin encounter was a routine meeting whose significance had been exaggerated.

According to Mr Yeltsin's version, the outcome of his discussions with President Gorbachev fell into three categories: agreements, agreements "in principle" and continued disagreements.

Gennady Gerasimov, chief spokesman of the Soviet foreign ministry, was yesterday replaced by Vitaly Churkin, a senior adviser to Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister. (Michael Knipe writes) Mr Gerasimov is expected to become an ambassador to a European country, possibly, Britain or Germany.

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Britain to send second tank brigade to Saudi Arabia

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TOM KING, the defence secretary, is expected this week to announce that a second armoured brigade of Challenger tanks is to be sent from Germany to Saudi Arabia. Mr King returns tomorrow from a three-day visit to the Gulf.

The first British serviceman was killed in the Gulf yesterday when his Jaguar aircraft crashed in the desert in Bahrain during a routine low flying training mission. The pilot was named as Flight Lieutenant Keith Collier, 26, from 54 Squadron, RAF Coltishall, Norfolk. He was married with no children.

A squadron of Jaguars has been in the Gulf since the initial British deployments in early August.

The recommended dispatch of another brigade to join the 7th Armoured Brigade in the north eastern sector of Saudi Arabia, was at the top of a list of options presented to Mr King by the central staff of the defence ministry.

Mr King has indicated that Britain would be sending more troops. But a decision was delayed until he had had a chance to discuss the possibility of another full brigade with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and also with General Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of the American forces. Although it will not be necessary to send as many support services this time, shipping over 100 Challenger

tanks from Germany will take at least three weeks.

A second brigade will nearly double the number of ground troops committed to Operation Granby, the codename for Britain's military effort in the Gulf. At present 16,000 personnel from the three services are involved in the operation, of which at least 9,500 are part of the 7th Armoured Brigade Group. A second brigade would consist of at least 6,000 men. However, there will have to be a divisional headquarters set up in the area for command and control.

General Sir Peter de la Billière will remain overall commander of the British forces. But another senior officer will be appointed under him, operating from the divisional HQ.

The 7th Armoured Brigade will be declared operational today after completing their final work-up exercise.

Significant modifications have been made to their equipment for desert fighting, including firing engine sand filters to the Challengers. The brigade benefited greatly from the experience of the Americans who arrived in August, shortly after the invasion of Kuwait.

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Army kills gunman in Ulster ambush

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ONE man was killed and a number of others wounded in Northern Ireland yesterday after the army ambushed gunmen who opened fire on the family home of a member of the security forces.

The shooting, at the village of Victoria Bridge in Co Tyrone, five miles from the border town of Strabane, is the second in little more than a month in which republican paramilitaries have been killed by soldiers.

The army's action won praise from Unionist MPs who welcomed what they termed "effective measures that will stop the terrorists". Sinn Féin accused the police of secrecy over the incident and demanded to know

whether a warning had been given before the troops opened fire.

According to the police in Londonderry, a house belonging to the father of a member of the security forces, believed to be a soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment, came under gun attack shortly before midnight. Soldiers who were watching the house immediately returned fire.

One man in a car was killed and a machine gun was subsequently recovered from the vehicle. An extensive follow-up operation continued in the area all night during which at least ten men were arrested. Seven of them, who were men from a local darts team passing

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Tax perks in danger as teachers lose case

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE taxman yesterday won a High Court case against nine masters and the bursar of an independent school which could sound the death knell on tax-free "perks" for a wide variety of workers.

The immediate losers are staff at Malvern College, in Hereford and Worcester, who had argued that the benefits they received from reduced fees for their children were tax-exempt. The effects of the judgment may be felt later not only by other independent school staff, but the recipients of a variety of perks.

Discounted tickets for airline staff, free travel for British Rail employees and cheap holidays for travel agency workers are some of the perks that could be affected. The case, which

turned on a Commons statement in 1976, has been watched closely by employers and tax lawyers.

Erica Stary, head of tax at the City solicitors Harbottle and Lewis, said: "It has got some fairly wide implications attached to it. They are hitting the schoolteachers at present, but the same principle arises wherever an employer is effectively giving away surplus goods."

The Malvern case involved the fees for 12 boys, three of them boarders and the rest day pupils, who were the sons of assistant masters John Hart, Martin Knott, Trevor Southall, Hugh Campbell-Ferguson, David Penter, Brian White, John Kae, William Denay and the late Colin Nicholls, and the bursar, Anthony Hunter. Lords Justices Slade, Nicholls and Farquharson upheld a High Court

ruling by Mr Justice Vinelott that tax must be paid on the "fringe benefits".

Lord Justice Nicholls said that for some years, in common with many other independent schools, Malvern masters had not been charged full fees for education of their sons at the school. The boys had to satisfy the same educational requirements as full fee-payers, but staff were required to pay only a fifth of the full boarding or day fees, now £8,085 and £5,880. "This is a valuable concession," the judge said.

For the 1983-86 tax years, over which the case was brought, the full annual fees at Malvern worked out at £4,675 to £5,300 for boarders and £3,360 to £3,825 for day boys. Staff reductions brought these figures down to between £935 and £1,060 for boarders and between £672 and £765

for day pupils. The judge said that "benefits in kind" had been a feature of employment in Britain for many years and were split into two categories - "external benefits" such as company cars and private medical insurance, and "in-house benefits" which included cut-price fees such as those offered to Malvern teachers.

The staff, who were given leave to appeal to the House of Lords, had argued that a statement on the subject by Robert Sheldon, as financial secretary to the Treasury, had implied that teachers would only be taxed on the marginal cost to their schools.

Staff discounts of half to a third of normal fee levels are widespread among the 50,000 staff in independent schools. The Independent Schools Information Service said an appeal was likely.

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Britain must have closer ties with EC, Heseltine says

From Ian Murray in Hamburg

IN A speech here yesterday designed to unify the Conservative party over Europe, Michael Heseltine defended the sovereignty of the House of Commons but warned against any idea of Britain standing apart from closer economic ties with the European Community.

Unlike Margaret Thatcher on the previous evening, he made no cricketing metaphors. He kept his delivery straight and close to the accepted line, and avoided being caught out by any journalists' questions. Afterwards, he left to watch Sir Geoffrey Howe at Westminster.

Without mentioning the prime minister by name, he concentrated on answering her well-known arguments and fears about European integration. He paid particular attention to defending British sovereignty, suggesting that this is the ball in the air that he most expects Mrs Thatcher to try to hit for six.

"I do not expect the emergence in the foreseeable future of any political structure in western Europe that would submerge the instincts of national sovereignty," he said. Britain would always have the option of pulling out of the EC if it felt this would be in its interests. "In practical Euro-

pean politics each country retains, and will, in my view, continue to retain, a wide discretion of action. Whatever the rhetoric, this is how the big players in Europe see their relationships. Increased political co-operation certainly, but not political federation."

A year ago Mr Heseltine, as a well-known pro-European, accepted the invitation to speak here to the Kangaroo Group, which campaigns for the elimination of EC borders. Much of his text was taken from a largely unreported speech he made in Bonn only six weeks ago, when his challenge for the party leadership

was at a low ebb. Yesterday, however, with television, radio and the press in full attendance, he used the occasion to set out his stall as an alternative prime minister.

As a European, he argued that Britain must negotiate and then enter the European monetary union (EMU). "Britain lost its ability to influence the creation and conditions of the common agricultural policy when it was perceived that our civil servants were more interested in delaying progress towards the Treaty of Rome and they were finally asked to leave the conference table. My country has paid a very heavy price for that mistake ever since. The suggestion that Britain can stand apart from closer economic ties in Europe has an ominous message for those who remember the original decision of the six to... sign the Treaty of Rome."

He said that, although there was no need to guide or influence the evolution of new institutions, "they will certainly guide and influence us. Better by far to reach for the levers of power, if only to prevent others from pulling them first." Mr Heseltine said that it was necessary within the EMU to define national self-interest through support

for the City of London in its pivotal position as the third leading centre of world finance. With an eye to attacks from Mrs Thatcher and her supporters, he said Britain approaches these issues with a proper caution. "I have no doubt that that is the right approach, and an approach widely shared on the Continent."

He added: "The proviso remains to persuade our European partners to recognise that it is we who have to recognise their belief that the journey upon which we are embarked has a destination. Most journeys usually do."

He said that only when all EC countries achieved common standards of the highest quality would the decision about who managed their economy become an issue, and by then it might seem far less controversial than it does today. There should be a step-by-step approach to EMU negotiations, with national parliaments being asked to ratify each movement forward at the relevant time.

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Michael Heseltine returns from Hamburg yesterday to hear Sir Geoffrey's speech

How being the favourite can be a curse

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

WITH Michael Heseltine expected to announce today his candidature for the Tory leadership, his backers admitted to a private nightmare: that by running him as a first round candidate, they will provide the stalking horse for Douglas Hurd.

If Margaret Thatcher were to be forced out of the contest after the first round and Mr Hurd then stood, many MPs believe that he could beat Mr Heseltine as he would be the more likely to unify the party. After Mr Hurd the job would pass to a new generation.

The Heseltine camp had been hoping that Sir Geoffrey Howe would mount a challenge, so enabling their man to come into the contest without being cast as a party-splitter, a charge he would like to avoid for the sake of any future battle if not successful in this one. The foreign secretary, who has been at pains to suggest that he is not consumed by a passion to inherit the leadership, is seen as the safest pair of hands in the party.

Senior cabinet figures agree that if a challenge were to lead to Mrs Thatcher's resignation before the second round, then Mr Hurd would be the best "stop Heseltine" candidate.

Favourites rarely win Tory leadership contests. The party establishment would have said before Edward Heath went, that the most likely successor was Willie Whitelaw. One reason that Mrs Thatcher came through, is that political memories are short.

Leadership contests are often won by those who have performed particularly well in the previous six months. Mrs Thatcher's well-researched economic record in the months leading up to the Tory contest against Mr Heath won her votes from young MPs who might not have been natural ideological allies but who wanted to someone who scored points for the party.

This time Mr Hurd is the man with good form. Since he became foreign secretary, the focus has been almost entirely on his area and by general consent he has been the most successful of the last few years.

His mother, Shami Mohammed, of Dalston, northeast London, was jailed for seven years for her part in the plot.

has handled things quite brilliantly.

He has looked a natural fixture at the foreign office, exuding calm authority. In informal tandem with the slightly more Euro-sceptical John Major, he has proved a unifying force on the one big issue that has been allowed to divide the party: Europe.

In spite of his years at Mr Heath's side, Mr Hurd is no Euro-fanatic. His period at the home office, battling to maintain sufficient controls against terrorists and drug runners in the European rush to dismantle barriers, expunged any traces which might have remained. He sees the need, however, for a Britain whose future is inextricably woven into the EC future, to be helping shape that future.

He is, in short, the true pragmatist. He is no keener than the prime minister is on grand themes and dreams waiting out of Brussels, but he is determined to avoid Britain being faced with a choice of which lane to occupy in a two-lane Europe.

12 years for murder plot man

A prisoner who plotted to kill the police officer in charge of a case against him was yesterday jailed for 12 years by the Central Criminal Court.

Salim Mohammed, aged 36, had offered to pay what he thought were terrorists, but were in fact policemen, £50,000 to kidnap, torture and murder the officer. Salim, of Manor Park, east London, wanted him to disclose the location of a woman he was accused of keeping as a sex slave. Without her evidence, the case would collapse.

His mother, Shami Mohammed, of Dalston, northeast London, was jailed for seven years for her part in the plot.

Guitarist hurt



Ronnie Wood, guitarist with the Rolling Stones, broke both legs yesterday when he was knocked over as he tried to direct traffic around his crashed car on the M4 near Swindon, Wiltshire. He was recovering last night in the Princess Margaret hospital, Swindon.

Charges dropped

Marconi, the defence and electronics company, and four former senior executives were cleared at Winchester Crown Court yesterday on seven charges that they had made excessive profits on contracts with the defence ministry for Voodoom. The verdicts came after the prosecution said it would not press its case on the allegations. The trial continues on 12 remaining counts, denied by all defendants.

Dukes resigns

Alan Dukes resigned yesterday as leader of Fine Gael, the main opposition party in the Irish Republic, in the wake of its disastrous showing in last week's presidential elections. Austin Currie, the party's candidate, polled only 17 per cent of the vote in the election won by Mary Robinson.

Ministers' rises below inflation

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister and her ministers are to receive pay rises of well below the inflation rate from January next year. Mrs Thatcher and her cabinet colleagues will receive increases of nearly £5,000 while ministers of state will have rises of almost £4,000.

The ministerial increases are in line with the 8.5 per cent salary rise due to MPs on January 1. Mrs Thatcher's official pay will increase from £66,851 to £72,500 but, as in previous years, she will claim only the same salary as a cabinet minister sitting in the Commons.

Such a minister will see a salary increase from £55,221 to £59,914, a minister of state from £44,951 to £48,771 and a parliamentary secretary from £38,961 to £42,272. The pay for a minister of state sitting in the Lords will rise from £39,641 to £43,010 and a parliamentary secretary from £33,241 to £36,066.

Neil Kinnock's salary will rise from £52,301 to £56,746, the Attorney General's from £57,421 to £63,301, Solicitor General's from £50,701 to £55,010 and the Speaker's from £56,951 to £61,791.

RAF bases to close in Germany named

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE two air force bases in Germany to be closed under the government's options for change defence review, will be at Gutersloh and Wildenrath, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, said yesterday.

Fights from the two bases will be phased out from next year. RAF Gutersloh houses two squadrons of Harriers, a squadron of Chinook helicopters and a squadron of Funnies. At RAF Wildenrath, there are two squadrons of Phantoms which are to be taken out of service and several Andover aircraft.

The bases were chosen because of the changing role of British forces in Germany since reunification. The Phantoms at Wildenrath policed airspace over the northern half of the former West German territory. With the US, they also safeguarded access to

Berlin. The first task involved patrolling a 30-mile wide buffer along the border with East Germany, to prevent infringements by aircraft from either side.

Gutersloh, the RAF's only operational base east of the Rhine, was committed to supporting the British army in Germany.

The two surviving RAF bases at Bruggen and Laarbruch house the Tornado squadrons which will retain a peacetime role in the unified Germany, although low level training flights have had to be drastically reduced.

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Brother and sister go free after trying to kill dying mother

By PETER VICTOR

A BROTHER and sister who tried to murder their terminally ill mother after she begged them to end her suffering walked free from court yesterday. Giving them a conditional discharge, a judge told them: "I am sure that it was the deep attachment and love which you both had for your mother that led you to act as you did."

Andrew and Nicola Thompson gave their mother, Mrs Pauline Barber, a potentially fatal overdose of a powerful painkiller as she lay dying of cancer in hospital, Leicester Crown Court was told. The attempt failed after nursing staff at Leicester Royal Infirmary intervened and revived her, but Mrs Barber, aged 59, died 12 days later.

Andrew Thompson, aged 25, a hotel manager, and Nicola, a 22-year-old student, both of Leicester, admitted attempted murder.

Michael Pert, for the prosecution, had described how on July 3 Mrs Barber was given a dose of 150 milli-

grammes of Diamorphine by hospital staff. It was administered through a motorised syringe which released the dose over 24 hours. The syringe had a button which could be depressed to increase the dosage.

After Mrs Barber's children came to visit her, nursing staff checked the syringe and found it was empty. "This left staff with an intolerable dilemma of whether to revive her, a dying patient," Mr Pert said.

Timothy Langdale, for the defence, said the pair had thought for some time about their mother's obvious distress. "On any showing this is a tragic and upsetting case - tragic for the mother who died from such a harrowing terminal illness, and harrowing too, for the defendants."

"They acted as they saw it in the best interests of their mother. She was a woman who had always been a fighter and taken on the onslaught of her disease. But at the end her illness brought her down. Nicola speaks of an incident of her mother begging her to do

something. Her brother describes how he stayed awake all night before they visited their mother and had discussed with his sister speeding up their mother's death."

Mr Langdale said Andrew and Nicola both told police they had given thought to the moral issues involved and, in effect, "playing God". They did not go to the hospital with the specific intention of doing anything but, once there, it was almost "an unspoken act". They immediately indicated to hospital staff what they had done.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans said the offence would normally carry a substantial prison term, but he was taking a "wholly exceptional" course. He said he was sure "that the distress of seeing your mother's suffering was overwhelming for each of you. I accept that she pleaded with you to end her suffering. I also accept that you debated long before you decided to embark on the course you did."

After the hearing the couple's solicitor, Oliver D'Sa, read a statement on their behalf which said: "We are very grateful to the judge for the understanding and compassion with which he dealt with our case. We feel his decision was a move in the right direction towards changing the law."

"While we are grateful for the sentence passed, we still believe real justice will only start being done when the law is changed so that terminally ill people have the right to die. We wish to say how moved and touched we are by all the support and sympathy we have received."

Andrew Thompson said later: "I remember saying, please forgive me for what I am about to do. I held my mum's hand and I started to pump [the syringe]."



Andrew and Nicola Thompson: "Grateful to judge"

Policeman is freed after rape appeal

A POLICE sergeant jailed for seven years for allegedly raping a drunk woman driver in a police cell was cleared and freed by the Appeal Court yesterday.

Dennis Davies, aged 47, a policeman for 23 years with two commendations, clasped his head in his hands as Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, announced the verdict. It was eight months and a day since Davies, of Telford, Shropshire, was convicted at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill, said the prosecution evidence was nebulous, contradictory and riddled with inconsistencies. The woman who accused the policeman of rape had been arrested and put in a police cell at Wellington police station, near Telford, after being found to be more than three times over the drink-driving limit in October 1988.

Sergeant Davies was the custody officer at the police station and went into the woman's cell alone, contrary to police regulations. Lord Lane said he was very unwise to go into the cell unchaperoned.

It was not until six weeks later that the woman claimed that he had kissed her, stroked her hair, indecently assaulted her and then raped her. The policeman was sentenced to 21 months for indecent assault and seven years for rape.

Quashing the conviction, Lord Lane said that if the inconsistencies in the prosecution evidence had been pointed out to the jury, they would not have convicted Sergeant Davies.

RSPCA defends shock adverts on animal shipments

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) defended the use of shock tactics to mobilise public opinion at the launch yesterday of a £300,000 Europe-wide campaign to curtail the transport of live animals for slaughter.

Graphic and emotive advertisements, due to appear in national newspapers this week, will spearhead the campaign. Gavin Grant, the society's campaigns director, rejected suggestions that the advertisements might be thought in poor taste or misleading. He said: "The images are hard-hitting and we make no apology for that. By showing people the horrors we hope they will be motivated to take action and campaign for tougher legislation."

One advertisement, showing a dead pony hanging by its neck from a meat hook, is intended to highlight the society's concern that Britain might be forced to lift the ban on the export of live horses to slaughterhouses on the Continent after 1992, when the EC single market takes effect.

The dead pony was photographed in an unnamed British abattoir after being slaughtered legally and humanely. "We do not regard this as misleading," Mr Grant said. "The picture is a potent symbol of the fate that could await horses after they have been transported live to continental abattoirs to satisfy the taste there for freshly butchered horsemeat."

Horse and Hound, the "bible" of the hunting classes, was offered the picture of the dead pony by the RSPCA to

include in an editorial feature on the society's campaign, but the magazine declined to run it. "They apparently thought it would be too upsetting for their readers," the RSPCA said. Michael Clayton, the magazine's editor, was not available for comment.

For the past 40 years, Britain has effectively banned the live horse trade by allowing only animals above a specified value, such as racehorses, to be exported. The 1981 Animal Health Act sets a minimum value of £495 for horses and £220 for ponies and an age limit of eight years. The European Commission regards this device as restraint on trade that cannot continue after 1992.

The RSPCA, which will also show advertisements in carriages of London Underground trains, is focusing its campaign on four demands: a limit of eight hours on journeys to abattoirs; a continuation of the British ban on the export of live horses and ponies; compulsory certification of all vehicles and drivers transporting animals; and enforcement of the law throughout Europe by a properly trained and financed team of inspectors.

More than 491,000 sheep and 300,000 cattle were exported to the Continent last year. The Netherlands exported about 400,000 sheep and 2.5 million pigs to other EC countries and France about 350,000 sheep to Italy and Spain. About 140,000 horses, mostly from eastern Europe, were consigned to Italian, French and Belgian abattoirs.

Poll backs women priest adherents

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

AN EARLY indication of how the Church of England will vote on women priests came yesterday in closely fought elections in the first session of the new General Synod.

Supporters of women's ordination defeated their opponents to head the 250-strong house of laity. Senior churchmen believe that the house of laity will be crucial when the ordination of women measure is voted on, probably in 1992. The issue is likely to be one of the most divisive to face the church this century. Early speeches to the synod yesterday contained repeated pleas for unity.

David McLennan, professor of law at Sheffield University and a strong supporter of women's ordination, was re-elected as chairman of the house of laity. The most significant vote, however, came when Christina Baxter, an evangelical theologian and supporter of women's ordination, defeated Margaret Hewitt, national co-ordinator of Women Against the Ordination of Women, to be vice-chairman of the house of laity.

In the house of clergy, Canon Peter Boulton, a leading Anglo-Catholic, was defeated by an evangelical, Canon John Stanley, in the election of prolocutor or head of the York Convocation. The Ven David Silk, Archdeacon of Leicester, was re-elected as prolocutor of the Canterbury convocation after a recount.

Analyses of the election addresses of members of the house of laity have suggested that more than a third opposed women priests. About 40 per cent of the house is composed of new members



Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, listens as the Queen opens the fifth General Synod yesterday through such situations in the past. You may be sure that in your prayer to God, and loyalty to the promises of Christ, you will find a unity deeper than the division of the moment."

A call from the floor for a debate on the Gulf confrontation was loudly applauded. A statement on the subject is expected from Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, tomorrow.

The Queen, who inaugurated the fifth synod, said in her speech: "You will, as did your predecessors, face issues on which there are serious differences of opinion. But the synod has faith, and has come

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Patten puts case for design

By CHARLES KNEVITT, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE government is considering proposals to extend design guidelines on planning and introduce building codes to assist architects, developers and local councillors on matters of taste, Chris Patten, the environment secretary, announced last night.

He told fellow ministers, now responsible for commissioning their own new buildings: "Accountancy architecture can actually be a bad investment. Good design is a good investment."

Mr Patten, speaking at the Royal Fine Art Commission in London on the role of government in architecture, said that councillors on local planning committees, who often displayed "visual illiteracy", should be prevented from imposing their own

tastes on architects and developers. The battle of styles should be avoided in every council chamber, while flexibility should be retained.

He said that he was studying the introduction of building codes, advocated by the Prince of Wales and implemented in some American cities, to try to ensure that new development enhanced the existing character of cities. The guidelines would be intended as "a stimulus, not a strait-jacket", and would point the way in matters of scale, layout, public open space and context.

The guidelines should ensure that sensitive development was "stimulated, not stymied" and could operate at two levels - for ordinary and extraordinary

areas. Harmony in design should not, however, mean a pallid insipidity. Mr Patten suggested that three or four local planning authorities could produce model design guidelines, to provide common ground.

Buildings should respect their locations, but should neither "ape nor rape" their surroundings. He said bad design was costly in terms of user dissatisfaction, bad health, absenteeism, and the expense and disruption of avoidable maintenance and repairs. All good building designs should involve an audit of pollution creation and use of energy. The government had ordered a study about how its own buildings should be commissioned, Mr Patten said.

Advisers tell Clarke to retain full curriculum

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

KENNETH Clarke, the new education secretary, faced his first brush with the education establishment yesterday when his school advisers refused to agree to the dropping of art, music and physical education from the compulsory national curriculum.

John MacGregor, his predecessor, had asked the national curriculum council to consider dropping the three subjects for 14-16 year olds in order to find room for extra GCSE lessons in, for example, the classics, sociology and economics.

Mr MacGregor's view was supported earlier this month by Timothy Eggar, the education minister, who said that keeping to all ten national curriculum subjects would not allow schools to introduce either extra academic studies or much-needed vocational courses for less able children.

The council insisted yesterday, however, that consultation involving about 400 secondary schools out of 5,000 in England and Wales had shown strong support for the full national curriculum for all pupils up to 16.

Duncan Graham, council chairman and chief executive, said: "There was no support at all for dropping PE from the national curriculum. There was also a strong consensus that art and music should stay."

The council supported the government's view that all children should continue with mathematics, English, science, a modern language and technology up to GCSE but suggested that more time could be found for extra subjects if history and geography were combined as one GCSE.

In its recommendations to Mr Clarke, the council said that all subjects should be tested up to GCSE or an approved vocational qualification that satisfied the demands of the curriculum. There was no support for a new qualification based on minimal achievements in the national curriculum.

All pupils should continue the arts in a joint course up to GCSE or its equivalent. It could cover various skills such as dance and drama as well as music and art.

Mr Graham said that with careful timetabling schools should be able to allow pupils to choose to do additional work in geography, history, art, music, physical education, religious education, the three sciences, or subjects outside the basic curriculum such as a second modern language.

Bright children are being let down by state schools and may be further disadvantaged by the national curriculum. The National Association for Gifted Children said yesterday at the launch of a survey of local education authorities (John O'Leary writes).

The association believes that state schools can cater for the gifted by allowing them to work with older age groups, but it fears that the structuring of the national curriculum may make schools even more wary of such flexibility.

Mr Clarke's pledge went further than his weekend remarks in which he said vouchers were not on the government's agenda. It was unusual in that it would appear to be beyond the education secretary's competence to close off a policy option actively canvassed by Tory right-wingers with the encouragement of the prime minister as long as 18 months before the next election.

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Mr Straw's attack followed exchanges between the prime minister and Neil Kinnock in which she failed to quash suggestions of a disagreement between herself and Kenneth Clarke.

Makers told to carry cling film warning

MARC ASPLAND

MANUFACTURERS of cling film were told yesterday by the agriculture ministry to warn the public that the film should not be used to wrap foods with a high fat content, such as cheese and meat. Packs of film should carry advice to that effect.

The instruction comes after a warning on Monday by the ministry's steering group on food surveillance that chemicals in the film might be harmful to health. The warning has sent tremors through the £18 million packaging and industrial films industry, which produces 24 million packs of cling film a year.

"Because a chemical can transfer from cling film into food, it does not follow that the process is dangerous, but it does point to the need, as a precaution, for further testing to ensure that levels of intake are safe," Dr Michael Knowles, the ministry's chief scientist, said yesterday.

Dr Knowles said cling film should not be used for cooking in conventional ovens nor for lining dishes or wrapping food whilst cooking in a microwave oven, but could be used for covering containers or when reheating meals on plates in a microwave oven. The warnings about film for household use did not apply to the thicker type of film used to wrap food sold in shops.

A survey by *The Times* indicates that several supermarket chains, including Tesco and Sainsbury, are so far standing by their use of so-called "low migration PVC film" as wrapping on delicatessen counters.

However, retailers are awaiting a meeting later this week with ministry officials and indicated they would cease to use cling film to wrap prepared food if that

New warnings on possible health dangers from wrapping food in cling film have alarmed the public and supermarkets, Michael Horsnell reports. The agriculture ministry has now clarified advice

were the ministry recommendation.

Tesco said: "We have been well aware of the question of risk of migration of plasticisers for five years and we introduced a low migratory film wrap three years ago in response to ministry guidelines. On the strength of that there is no cause for alarm."

The Packaging and Industrial Films Association is concerned that, having faithfully followed ministry and EC guidelines there should be a health alarm for the second time in three years.

Roger Dunleavy, technical director of Filmco International of Sedgefield, Co Durham, the biggest manufacturing plant in Europe, said: "In the report there is no suggestion that any of these products cause cancer. We get hit very hard in the packaging field."

"We are at risk of the industry being damaged when people make unfounded allegations." The company pointed out that the toxicity of DEHA is lower than that of vinegar and said that all raw materials have international approval for safe contact with food. The British Plastics Federation recommended its members to heed the min-

istry warnings and said it would welcome a legal requirement that cling film packs be clearly marked with their intended usage, for which they are intended.

The government will concentrate on the uniform labelling of cling film packs in conjunction with its European partners.

The Food Commission watchdog criticised the government for delay in warning the public and said the latest move did not go far enough. Sue Dibb, who wrote a report five months ago into possible risks in using wrapping film on food, said the government's own advisers warned three years ago that knowledge of potential hazards was inadequate. She said: "It is the wrong way round to wait for substances to be used and then worry about the safety. We should ensure that these products are safe first."

The independent Food Safety Advisory Centre urged people to use greaseproof paper or airtight containers instead of cling film.

Melanie Miller of the Consumers' Association says that the decision on what chemicals can go on a proposed European Commission list may not be as stringent when the interests of 12 countries have to be reconciled. Some Community members have much less careful surveillance programmes than Britain, and may want to protect their own chemical industries against the new regulations.

● The Good Housekeeping Institute is to open a hotline on cling film today for consumers, which will be manned by food and nutritional experts during office hours. The line, 071 439 5238, will open from 9.30am.



Food for thought: cling film covered fare goes on sale in a London canteen yesterday

Product advances left safety watchdogs behind

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE cling film controversy provides a classic example of the ability of the chemical industry to produce new materials more quickly than the toxicologists can test them for harmful effects.

This week's report casting doubt on the safety of cling film is a direct result of earlier recommendations by the same committee calling for the reduction of a plasticiser used in clingfilm and shown to cause cancer in rats and mice. That material, called DEHA (di-2-ethylhexyl adipate) has, indeed, been used less since the 1987 warning.

Its place, though, has been taken by another plasticiser about which

much less is known. Thus a chemical which can cause cancer in the extreme doses used on laboratory animals has been replaced by another which has yet to be properly tested. Not surprisingly, the agriculture ministry's expert committees have reacted sharply, for this development runs directly counter to the advice they gave in 1987 that food packaging materials should not be used "until appropriate toxicological testing and evaluation have been performed".

The danger, however, is entirely theoretical, and consumer organisations yesterday urged people not to get too alarmed.

This is really not one to worry about," Melanie Miller, of the

Consumers' Association, said. "People will be quite safe if they follow the ministry's advice not to wrap fatty foods in cling film. In microwave ovens it's all right for defrosting and reheating, but it's not a good idea to cook in direct contact with the film."

The new plasticiser is ATBC (acetyl tributyl citrate), used increasingly in the films used to wrap pâté, processed meat, boil-in-the-bag meats and cheese. It was designed specifically for microwave ovens, either to cover food or to line the dish in which it is cooked. Like all plasticisers, its role is to give the films flexibility.

It may be that ATBC is a wholly beneficial material which could be

consumed for a lifetime without danger, but nobody really knows. Faced with this, the Food Advisory Committee has for a moment abandoned its usual anaesthetic prose and become quite testy.

"It is unacceptable that intakes of inadequately studied compounds should have reached the levels described in this report," it declares. Since 1987, the amounts of ATBC consumed by the British public have increased by a factor of 30, while none of the studies on toxicity then called for have been completed. The Committee on Toxicity is now demanding to see this data within two years.

The plasticiser, which makes up about 4 per cent of the weight of the

film, gets into food when it is direct contact. Most plasticisers are soluble in fat, which increases the rate of migration into fatty foods like cheese. A slice of cheese wrapped in cling film will therefore take up plasticiser much more rapidly than a cheese sandwich. When temperatures are raised in an oven or microwave oven, rates of migration increase.

As a result, the ministry committee concludes that some people may be consuming as much as 1.5 milligrams a day of ATBC. Toxicity tests on rats given vastly more than this (up to 1 gram per kilogram of bodyweight per day) for six weeks showed no toxic effects, but more data is needed.

Vouchers 'not on manifesto'

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE subject of education vouchers will not be included in the next Conservative manifesto, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said yesterday amid continuing signs of a rift between him and the prime minister over the issue.

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Clarke: first brush with education establishment

Pledge on programme of therapy for sex offenders

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL programme of therapy for the growing number of sex offenders in British jails was promised yesterday by David Waddington, the home secretary.

He said that more treatment was being offered to criminals such as rapists and paedophiles than was generally recognised, but admitted present prison programmes were too limited and over-reliant on individual initiatives. "What we now have is the opportunity and the resources to co-ordinate and develop our arrangements," he told a national conference of prison governors in Blackpool.

Brian Emes, the prison department's director of inmate programmes, said later that the first fruits of the new policy would appear in the

next financial year, when sentence planning would be introduced for all sex offenders. That would entail expert assessment of the needs of newly-sentenced offenders and individually-tailored treatment programmes.

Mr Waddington thought it likely that the department would transform a handful of jails into assessment and treatment centres for sex offenders, although the timescale for such a move remained uncertain. Such jails would, it was hoped, forge strong links with local hospitals and their local communities to maximise the chances of rehabilitating offenders.

Mr Emes said that the Home Office would also step up research into sex-offending and treatment methods.

"There is a requirement for us to do something constructive and positive. We don't have prisons merely to keep people on ice or to warehouse offenders. We must see jail as an opportunity to exercise a benign influence on them."

□ A pioneering method of police and social services' handling of child sex abuse cases in Surrey should serve as a blueprint for other parts of the country in the wake of the Cleveland and Rochdale affairs, Barrie Irving, director of the Police Foundation, said yesterday.

Launching a report on a year's work by the Social Services' and Police Investigation of Sexually Abused Children project, he said that he hoped it would serve as a model countrywide.

Safety device 'could halve air deaths'

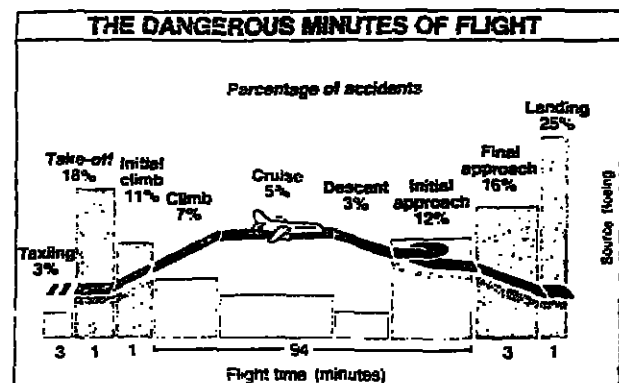
By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

MORE than half the fatalities in air crashes could be prevented if airlines and regulatory authorities made full use of two simple and cheap items of safety equipment, it was claimed yesterday.

In a two-year analysis of the causes of more than 400 air accidents, the Boeing company found that 70 per cent of all crashes took place in the first two and the last four minutes of flight. Most deaths occurred when "the pilot flew an otherwise perfectly good aeroplane into the ground", resulting in 1,200 deaths in the past two years alone. Boeing said 900 of the deaths could have been prevented.

It said that in 1989 five of the six accidents happened because the pilots ignored a voice warning to "pull up", which was automatically activated as the aircraft flew too low.

Earl Weener, Boeing's safety engineer, said in London that the ground proximity warning equipment, which costs about \$30,000 (about £15,000), dramatically reduced accidents in the mid 1970s, when it became compulsory in many countries.



However, some pilots still ignored the warnings. "Others are not trained what to do when they sound and some systems are even disconnected by the crews because earlier models went off in error and were disregarded."

He said: "We believe that if all airlines were forced to buy the latest equipment and train their crews fully in their use at least 900 of the 1,200 deaths in the last two years could have been avoided."

Boeing believes that the other fundamental change that could help to reduce accidents is the fitting of instrument landing systems (ILS) at all airports. "Of the

4,000 airports which are used by scheduled airlines, only 1,800 have ILS fitted, even though accidents on landing are four times higher at those which do not have it," Mr Weener said. The \$1 million (£510,000) system is fitted at all airports in Britain used by commercial airlines.

Boeing executives are touring the world to persuade airlines and governments to take action to prevent a feared 25 per cent rise in the number of aircraft accidents over the coming years.

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By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

Global co-operation: some of the world's leading plant experts examine specimens at Kew Gardens, where an international gathering of botanists has been discussing the setting up of a list of world plant species

By KERRY GILL



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Temporary stay: a patient receiving day treatment at the Royal Liverpool hospital. His room overlooks the city's Roman Catholic cathedral

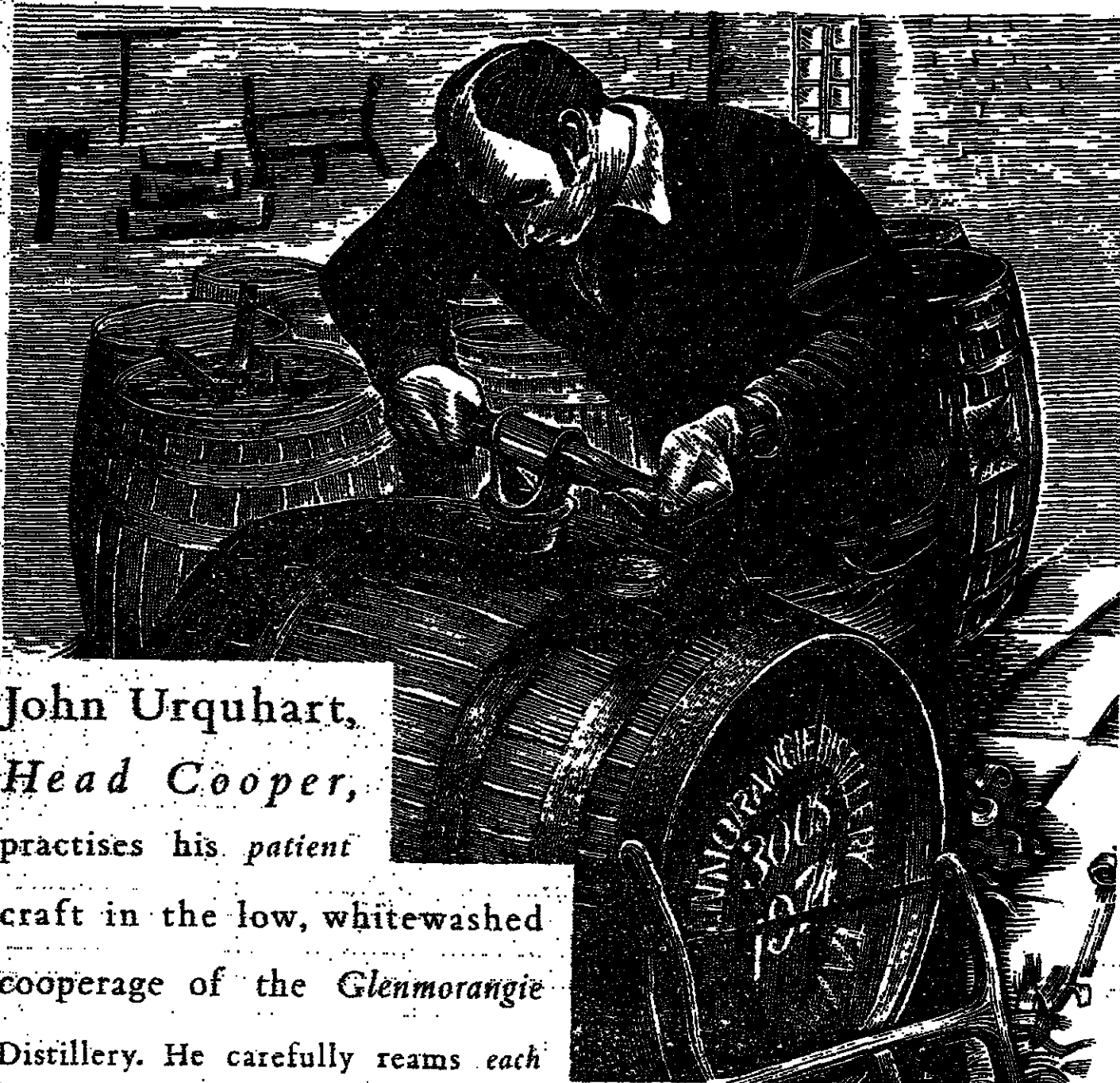
Doctors in the region claim that it will be difficult to do much better than at present. David Cade, general surgeon at Leighton hospital, said: "If you have better waiting lists you attract referrals. If you attract referrals you get bigger waiting lists, so you have to run even faster."

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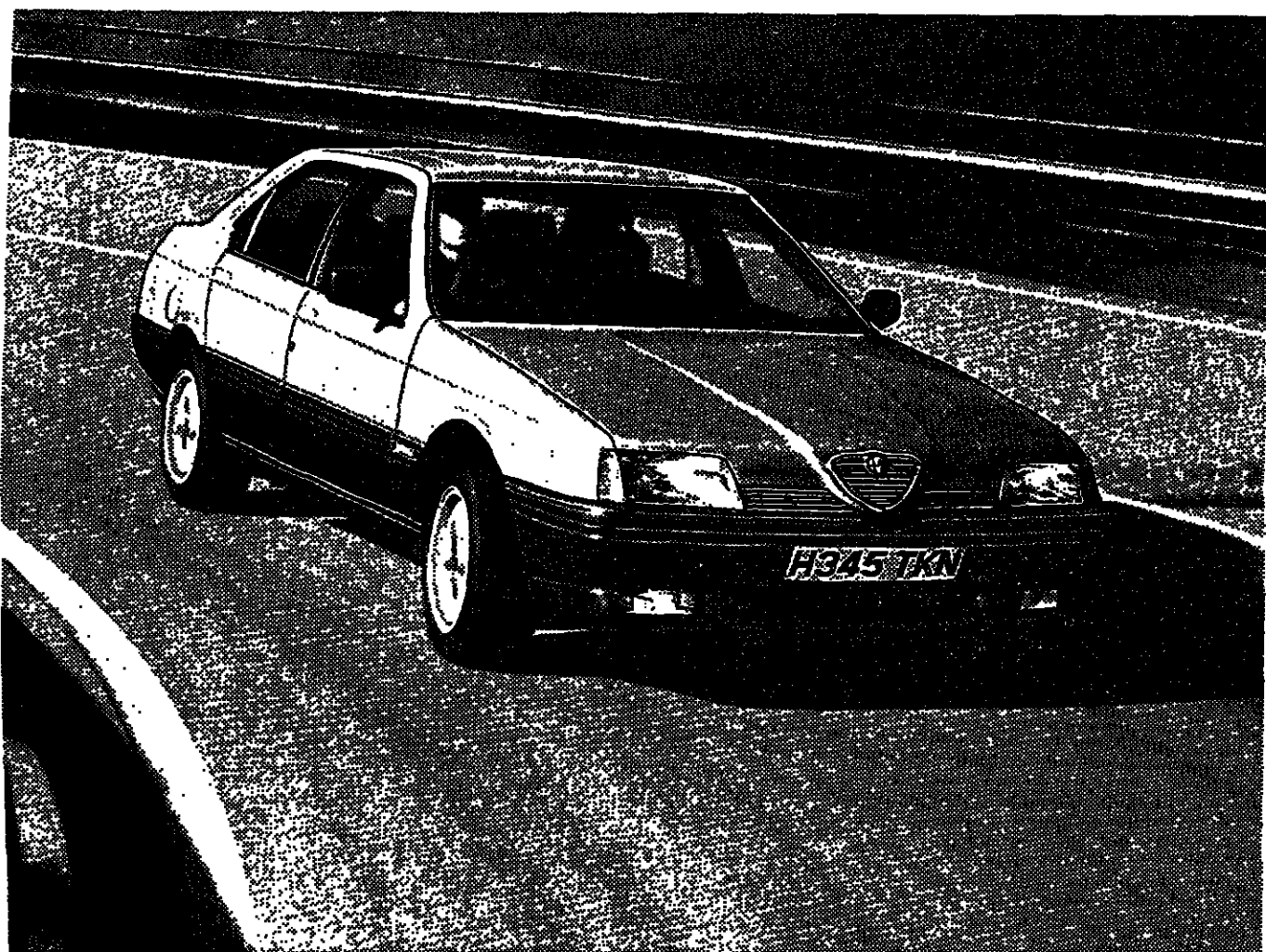
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'As the name suggests, there are two spark plugs per cylinder, but the engine also has variable inlet valve timing. Theoretically, it's a very efficient engine and on paper the results are impressive: 148 bhp from a non-turbo charged 2.0 litre four is good going. Against the Peugeot's 122 bhp eight valve engine, the Alfa Romeo 164 is clearly a long way ahead on power.

PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMY.

'Overall, the Alfa sparkles above the others here. The difference is that it has verve and spirit and really revels in being driven hard.

'(The Granada's) engine is noisy and thrashy in the extreme and has absolutely no enthusiasm for hard work.

'Overall the 605 performs pleasantly. Yet there's something missing in its armoury.

'It does feel like a big, heavy car endowed with a small and relatively under-powered engine.

slow and stolid, and the body rolls, squirms and shudders through the bends and over the bumps as though connected only distantly to the wheels.

QUALITY AND EQUIPMENT.

'Quality, in the sense used here, means more than just build integrity. It also encompasses quality of materials, and how effectively they are used in the aesthetic sense. Judged accordingly, the Alfa Romeo and the Rover vie for first place. Both have deep, lustrous paintwork, expensive-looking and feeling plastics inside, high-quality seat fabrics and decent carpets. Compared with these two, the Peugeot doesn't quite make the grade.

'(The Granada's) rear bumper shakes when you shut the boot, the strip of fake wood across the fascia is a woeful misjudgement and it's all starting to look a touch messy, a shade dated.

'Dated certainly describes the Volvo.

SERVICING AND COSTS.

'In 3.0 litre form, the well-built 164's... secondhand values are strong. There's no reason

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Howe condemns Thatcher stance on EC

SIR Geoffrey Howe said in his personal statement to a packed Commons today that it was a quarter of a century since he had spoken from the back benches.

Fortunately, because he had been leader of the House for the past year he had been reminded of the generosity and tolerance of the House. He hoped that he might call on that as he offered the House a statement about his resignation from the government.

He said: It has been suggested, even by some of my right hon friends, that I decided to resign solely because of questions of style and not on matters of substance at all. Indeed, if some of my former colleagues are to be believed, I must be the first minister in history to resign because he was in full agreement with government policy.

The truth is that in many aspects of politics, style and substance complement each other; very often they are two sides of the same coin.

The prime minister and I have shared together something like 700 meetings of the cabinet or shadow cabinet over the last 18 years, some 400 hours alongside each other at more than 30 international summit meetings. For both of us, I suspect, that is a pretty daunting record.

The House might well feel that something more than simple matters of style would be necessary to rupture such a well tried relationship.

It was, indeed, a privilege to serve as the prime minister's first Chancellor of the Exchequer, to share in the transformation of our industrial relations scene, to help the launch of our free market programme, commencing with the abolition of exchange-rate controls and to achieve such substantial successes against inflation, getting it down within four years from 22 to 4 per cent upon the basis of strict monetary discipline involving the medium-term financial strategy.

Not one of our many achievements would have been possible without the courage and leadership of the prime minister. If I may say so, they possibly derived some little benefit from the presence of a chancellor of the exchequer who was not exactly a wet himself.

It was a great honour to serve for six years as foreign and Commonwealth secretary and share with her in some notable achievements in the European Community from Fontainebleau to the Single European Act.

But it was as we moved on to consider the crucial monetary issue in the European context that I have come to feel increasing concern. Some of the reasons for this concern, I think, are the following. First, the monetary discipline, which has been in place for over 12 months ago. Like him, I concluded at least five years back that the conduct of our policy against inflation could no longer rest solely on attempts to measure and control domestic money supply.

We had no doubt that we should be helped in that battle and indeed in other respects by joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system.

There was or should have been nothing novel about joining the ERM. It has been a long-standing commitment and we found for a quarter of a century after the second world war that the very similar Bretton Woods regime did serve as a useful discipline. Now, as the prime minister has acknowledged two weeks ago, our entry into the exchange-rate mechanism can be seen as an extra

discipline for getting down inflation.

But it must be said that this important practical conclusion has only been achieved at the cost of substantial damage to her own administration and, more serious still, to its inflation achievement.

As Mr Lawson has explained, the real tragedy is that we did not join the exchange-rate mechanism at least five years ago. That was, as he also made clear, not for want of trying. Indeed, the so-called Madrid conditions came into existence only after the then chancellor and myself as foreign secretary made it clear that we could not continue in office unless a specific commitment to join the ERM was made.

As the House will no doubt have observed, neither member of that particular partnership now remains in office. Rather, our successor as chancellor has had to devote a great deal of his very considerable talent demonstrating exactly how those Madrid conditions have been attained so as to make it possible to fulfil the commitment whose achievement has long been in the national interest.

It is now, alas, impossible to resist the conclusion that today's higher rate of inflation could well have been avoided had the question of ERM membership been properly considered and resolved

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at a much earlier stage. There are, I fear, developing grounds for similar anxieties over the handling, not just at and after the Rome summit, of the wider much more open question of EMU.

Let me make clear certain important points on which I have no disagreement with Mrs Thatcher. I do not regard the Delors report as some kind of sacred text which has to be accepted or rejected on the nod. But it is an important working document. But, as I have often made clear, it is seriously deficient in significant respects. I do not regard the Italian presidency's management of the Rome summit as a model of its kind. Far from it. It was much the same, as the prime minister will recall, in Milan some five years ago.

I do not regard it in any sense wrong for Britain to make criticism of that kind, plainly and courteously, nor in any sense wrong for us to do so if necessary alone. As I have already made clear, I have, like the prime minister and by no means a minority of one to have any illusions on that score.

But it is crucially important that we should conduct these arguments on a basis of a clear understanding of the true relationship between this country, the Community and our Community partners.

And it is here I fear that the prime minister increasingly risks leading herself and other astray in matters of substance as well as style.

As long ago as 1962 it was Lord Stockton, formerly Harold Macmillan, who first put the central point clearly. He argued that we had to place and keep ourselves within the Community. He saw it as essential then as it is today not to cut ourselves off from the realities of power, not to retreat into a ghetto of sentimentality

The differences between Sir Geoffrey Howe and the prime minister which led to his resignation as deputy prime minister 12 days ago were spelt out in detail yesterday when he condemned Margaret Thatcher for her attitude to Europe

about our past and so diminish our control over our own destiny in the future.

The pity is that the Macmillan view had not been perceived more clearly a decade before in the Fifties. It would have spared so many of the struggles of the past 20 years had we been in the Community from the outset, had we been ready, in the much too simple phrase, to surrender some sovereignty at a much earlier stage.

Had we been in from the start we should have had more not less influence over the Europe in which we live today. We should never forget the lesson of that isolation, of being on the outside looking in, for the conduct of today's affairs.

We have done best when we have seen the Community not as a static entity to be resisted or contained, but as an active process which we can shape often decisively provided we allow ourselves to be fully engaged in it with confidence and enthusiasm and in good faith.

We must at all costs avoid presenting ourselves yet again with an over-simplified choice, a false antithesis, a bogus dilemma, between one alternative starkly labelled "co-operation between independent sovereign states" and a second equally crudely labelled alternative "a centralised federal super-state" as if there were no middle way in between.

We commit a serious error if we think always in terms of surrendering sovereignty and seek to stand pat for all time on a given deal by proclaiming, as the prime minister did two weeks ago, that we have surrendered enough. The European enterprise is not and should not be seen like that, as some kind of zero sum gain.

Sir Winston Churchill put it much more positively 40 years ago when he said: "Is it not possible and not less agreeable to regard this sacrifice or merger of national sovereignty as the gradual assumption by all the nations concerned of that larger sovereignty which can alone protect their diverse and distinctive customs and characteristics and their national traditions?"

I find Winston Churchill's perception a good deal more convincing and encouraging for the interests of our nation than the nightmare image sometimes conjured up by the prime minister who sometimes seems to look out on a Continent that is positively teeming with ill intentioned people scheming in her words, to extinguish democracy, to dissolve our national identity, to lead us through the back door into a federal Europe.

What kind of vision is that for our business people who trade there each day, for our financiers who seek to make London the money capital of Europe, or for all the young people of today? These concerns are especially important as we approach the crucially important topic of EMU. We must be positively and centrally involved in this debate and not fearfully and negatively detached. The cost of disengagement here could be very serious indeed.

There is talk of an emergence of a single currency for Europe. I agree there are many difficulties about the concept, both economically and politically and none of us wants the imposition of a single currency.

But that is not the real risk. The 11 others cannot impose their solution on the twelfth country against its will. But they can go ahead without us. The risk is not imposition but isolation. The real threat is leaving ourselves with no say in the monetary arrangements that the rest of Europe chooses for itself, with Britain once again scrambling to join the club later after the rules have been set and after power has been distributed by others to our disadvantage. That would be the worst possible outcome.

It is to avoid just that outcome, to find a compromise acceptable in the government and sellable in Europe that the chancellor has put forward his hard-ecu proposal. I have supported the hard-ecu plan, but after Rome and after the prime minister's comments two weeks ago there is becoming untenable.

Two things have happened. She has appeared to rule out from the start any compromise at any stage

on any of the basic components which all the other 11 countries believe to be part of EMU: a single currency or a fixed exchange rate, a central bank or common monetary policy.

Asked if we would veto any arrangement which jeopardised the pound sterling, she replied simply "yes". That statement means not that we can block EMU but that they can go ahead without us. Is that a position likely to ensure that we hold and retain a position of influence in this vital debate? I fear not.

Rather, to do so, we must take care not to rule in or out any one solution absolutely. We must be seen to be part of the same negotiations. A second thing has happened that I fear is even more disturbing. Reporting to this House, the prime minister almost casually remarked that she did not think many people would want to use the hard ecu anyway, even as a common currency let alone as a single one.

It was remarkable, indeed it was tragic, to hear the prime minister dismiss with such personalised incredulity the very idea that the hard-ecu proposal might find growing favour among the people of Europe just as it was extraordinary to hear her assert that the whole idea of EMU might be open for consideration only by future

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generations. Those future generations are with us today.

How on earth are the chancellor and the governor of the Bank of England, commending the hard ecu as they strive to do, to be taken as serious participants in the debate against that kind of background noise?

I believe that both the chancellor and the governor are cricket enthusiasts, so I hope there is no monopoly of cricketing metaphors. It is rather like sending your opening batsmen to the crease only for them to find the moment that the first balls are bowled that their bats have been broken before the game by the team captain.

The point is more sharply put by a British businessman trading in Brussels and elsewhere who wrote to me saying that people throughout Europe see our prime

minister finger wagging, hear her passionate "no, no, no" much more clearly than the content of carefully worded formal texts. It is too easy for people to believe that we all share her attitude, for why else, he asks, has she been our prime minister for so long. This, my correspondent concluded, is a desperately serious situation for our country.

Sadly, I have to agree.

The tragedy is - and it is for me personally, for my party, for my whole people, for the prime minister herself a very real tragedy - that the prime minister's perceived attitude towards Europe is running increasingly serious risks for the future of our nation. It risks minimising our influence and maximising our chances of being once again shut out.

We have paid heavily in the past for late starts and squandered opportunities in Europe. We dare not let that happen again. If we detach ourselves completely as a party or as a nation from the middle ground of Europe, the effects will be incalculable and very hard ever to correct.

In my letter of resignation, which I tendered with the utmost sadness and dismay, I said that cabinet government is about trying to persuade one another from within. That was my commitment to government by persuasion, persuading colleagues and the nation.

I have tried to do that as foreign secretary and since, but I realise now that the task has become futile, of trying to stretch the meaning of words beyond what was credible, of trying to pretend there was a common policy when every step forward risked being subverted by some casual comment or impulsive answer.

The conflict of loyalty is loyalty to the prime minister - and after more than two decades together that instinct of loyalty is still very real - and the loyalty to what I perceive to be the true interests of this nation.

That conflict of loyalty has become all too great. I no longer believe it is possible to resolve that conflict from within this government. That is why I have resigned.

In doing so I have done what I believe to be right for my party and my country. The time has come for others to consider their response to the tragic conflict of loyalty with which I have myself wrestled for perhaps too long.

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Rear seat belts 'should be enforced'

MINISTERS are being urged by an all-party group of MPs to make compulsory the use of rear seat belts by car and taxi passengers. They believe that such a measure would save 80 lives and avoid 1,000 serious injuries in its first year.

The government will be asked to act during a Commons debate on road safety on Friday. An early day motion has been signed by 112 MPs, and the parliamentary advisory council for transport safety has written to Christopher Chope, the roads and traffic minister. In its letter, the advisory council says that there is widespread support for the measure. A Gallup survey commissioned this year indicated support from 82 per cent of those questioned.

Boundary review

The boundary commission for England and Wales intends to start its general review of parliamentary constituency boundaries early next year, Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister, announced in a Commons written reply. The commission is required to report between 1993 and 1998.

Docklands rail study

London Transport and the London Docklands Development Corporation are to carry out a further study of the case for extending the rail network through the Royal Dock in east London to Woolwich and Thamesmead on the Kent boundary, Roger Freeman, public transport minister, said in a written reply.

Two million more at work

There are nearly two million more people at work than when the government came to office 11 years ago, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said at question time. The workforce in June was 27,346,000, compared with 25,365,000 in June 1979.

Coalmining compensation

A bill to improve arrangements for compensation for property damaged by coalmining subsidence may be tabled by the government this session, even though it was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech, Tony Baldry, energy minister, said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Conclusion of debate on Queen's speech (the economy).
Lords (2.30): Conclusion of debate on the Queen's speech (the economy).



Welcome, brothers: A happy Neil Kinnock at Westminster yesterday welcoming two new MPs to the Labour benches in the Commons, Terry Rooney, victor at Bradford North (left), and Joe Benton, the winner in the Bootle by-election

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Bureaucratic pitfalls blight the Russian road to free travel

THE Soviet Union's millions of would-be travellers and emigrants will probably have to wait until next year at the earliest even to lodge their applications for a passport. The much-publicised bill on emigration, which was originally promised for last summer, then for the first weeks of the autumn parliamentary session, has run into difficulties in committee and is unlikely to be ready before next month, or even the new year.

Passage of the bill is the sole condition that Moscow must meet in order to qualify for most-favoured nation status in trade with the United States and it had been treated as a matter of urgency by the Soviet leadership. During the Washington summit in June, the Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, promised

that it would be rushed through. Since then, however, priority has been given to other legislation, suggesting that the Soviet desire for most-favoured nation status has waned or that the bill faces opposition, or both.

The autumn parliamentary timetable has given precedence to bills designed to underpin the transition to a market economy and limit, as far as possible, the accelerating social and economic disorder. The emigration law has had to take second place. At the same time, Moscow may well have concluded that most-favoured nation status will not by itself solve the country's foreign trade problems, nor will it make Soviet goods more competitive on the American market.

The main reasons for the delay, however, lie with the strength of

Opposition from the military, the KGB and other state sectors is hindering the passage of a key emigration law. Mary Dejevsky reports from Moscow on what is at stake

opposition to free emigration within parts of the Soviet establishment and the sheer difficulty of drafting legislation that undoes so many Soviet bureaucratic assumptions. Opposition comes, predictably, from sections of the military and the KGB, as well as from parts of the educational establishment and from the visa office, OVIR, which has to process and issue the passports.

One of the big worries of the military concerns conscription. Even though resistance to the call-up this year has rendered it almost

meaningless in some non-Slav republics, conscription is likely to remain the chief source of recruits for some time. The planned military reform is expected to include making the Soviet army entirely professional, but this is unlikely to happen quickly because of the cost.

In the meantime, the military wants to prevent emigration providing an escape route for conscripts. A proposal that may be adopted would remove the right of 17-year-old males to travel abroad, that is a year before they

become liable for call-up. But many would regard that as too generous and could insist that the limit be set much earlier.

The question of state secrets is a concern both of the military and the KGB and access to secrets has repeatedly been used as a reason for refusing visas to Jewish applicants even if they have close relatives living abroad. The Soviet parliamentary committee on human rights has campaigned for a legal definition of state secrets and for travel restrictions to be notified to employees engaged in classified work and for the restrictions to be limited to, say, five years after leaving that employment. These proposals are said to be regarded in security circles as too liberal and there is apparently resistance to the idea of defining what constitutes a state secret —

that in itself is part of the secret, the argument runs.

Property rights are another area of contention. At present, emigrants are allowed to own nothing in the Soviet Union and all financial responsibilities must be discharged before emigration. This is why dependants have to give permission before a would-be emigrant may leave.

The passport authorities, transport services and educational establishments are all concerned about the emigration law, too. The passport office says that present staffing levels, paper supplies and printing facilities will not suffice to process even half the estimated number of passports that will be required in the first year.

Universities and research institutes fear that the incipient brain drain will become a flood.

Some also suspect that older faculty members may oppose liberalisation because they harbour resentment about their own lost opportunities.

More liberal members of the three committees currently dealing with the emigration bill dismiss many of the objections as unnecessary. They argue that limited foreign demand will stem the brain drain and that greater academic interchange will only help the Soviet Union.

While the slow passage of the emigration bill is frustrating millions of would-be Soviet travellers, sections of the Soviet establishment are probably not the only ones hoping that the process can be strung out even longer. Western consulates are steeling themselves for the onslaught of visa seekers.

Strikes deal blow to Mazowiecki bid for workers' vote

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

TRAFFIC yelled and howled like abandoned dogs in Polish cities yesterday as bus drivers sounded their horns and set off sirens to signal their determination to stage a national strike before the presidential elections.

The bus drivers' protest — already a full-blown strike in Cracow — is only one of many as industrial and public service workers try to squeeze wage increases or subsidies from the government before Poles vote for a new president on November 25. The dockers' strike ultimatum runs out on November 19.

Fishermen are preparing to pull up their nets next week. Coal miners, who are demanding a 19 per cent wage rise and a reform of the pits, are threatening a strike for November 20. A referendum later this week will determine whether the miners will refuse to work.

The bus and tram drivers say that if the government does not react — the workers want budget subsidies for the various transport companies — there will be a two-hour strike on Friday and a 24-hour strike on November 20. If

there is still no concession, there will be a national transport strike. Cracow drivers have seized the initiative already and most offices and factories were paralysed during the morning shift.

"The finance minister is not Batman," treasury representatives told a bus drivers' delegation. "Nor is he made of money. If he caves in to you then he will have to pay the miners and the dockers, and everybody else in the queue."

The strike wave is embarrassing the prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, as he enters the last ten days of the campaign. His main rival is Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, who seems sure of the worker vote. Mr Walesa is silent, although the strikers are being organised by his union.

"It's not a coincidence that various groups are escalating their pay demands in the run-up to the election," Mr Mazowiecki told a rally in the upper Silesian city of Zabrze. "Is it right to use the strike weapon at this time? Strikes during this politically inflamed period could be 'poisonous for our fragile democracy.' And there was something

wrong about 'strikes planned by a trade union whose apparatus is working for one of the presidential candidates'."

The strikes aim at the heart of the government's anti-inflation policy. The workers are challenging the Mazowiecki line of imposing tax penalties on companies that give in to excessive wage demands. Economists agree if there is another spiral of hyper-inflation, brought under control this year by the monetarist programme of the finance minister, Leszek Balcerowicz, then the International Monetary Fund-backed plan to market policies will be thrown out of gear.

The government is expected to patch up agreements with some strikers (the bus drivers of Cracow and Gdansk will probably reach a settlement next week) but will not give in across the board. Mr Mazowiecki needs to capture at least part of the worker vote to stand a chance on November 25. He is trailing Mr Walesa by 18 per cent, but surrendering a key part of his financial programme is a high and probably unacceptable price.



Riot aftermath: a burnt-out Trabant car in an east Berlin street yesterday after fighting between police and squatters on Monday night

German match off as violence grows

From ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

THE last football match between East and West Germany, due to be held in Leipzig later this month, has been cancelled amid fears of crowd violence and inadequate safety provisions.

Officials in the city said that conditions at the football ground combined with an "atmosphere of violence" has

led them to call off the match. "This is not a capitulation before hooliganism," a spokesman for the club FC Leipzig said. "It is simply an inevitable result of an unusual security situation."

The decision comes after an escalation in soccer rioting in eastern Germany. At a match last month in Leipzig, police shot dead a supporter, and 18, as fans rampaged through the city and attacked police.

Officials from the office of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, are meeting football officials this week to discuss Germany's worsening soccer violence and new policing methods.

In the eastern Berlin districts of Friedrichshagen and Lichtenberg, police battled with squatters on Monday night after an attempt to evict them from tenement buildings they had occupied. Squatters hurled petrol bombs, bricks and bars from behind barricades and police used water cannons and tear gas. Four policemen were "seriously wounded" and are in hospital and 133 others were injured.

The squatters, mainly from western Berlin and former West Germany, were ordered to leave again yesterday by policemen carrying megaphones. They had earlier said

that an entire street had been booby-trapped. Erich Patzold, Berlin's interior senator, said that police would employ "a tougher line" if the squatters refused to move out.

Senate sources yesterday admitted to concern that the city's growing reputation for violence could prevent it from becoming the seat of government. The Social Democratic honorary president, Willy Brandt, a former mayor of Berlin, said yesterday that the decision on whether to move the government from Bonn to Berlin should be taken by the all-German parliament by the middle of next year.

Belgian teachers split over pay

From PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS

BELGIAN government attempts to devolve power from the centre to the regions, used by French-speaking teachers, who demand pay and conditions equal to those of their Flemish counterparts.

Francophone teachers want their salaries to keep pace with those in Flanders as well as with inflation, and are determined to see that education cuts do not jeopardise Belgium's teaching standards.

Ministers and trade union leaders from Wallonia, Belgium's French-speaking southern half, hammered out a compromise over the weekend. The package promises to bring salaries closer to those of the more prosperous Flemish people. It also delays the introduction of cuts and offers teachers comfortable ways out of the profession when the cuts do arrive.

The powerful trade unions behind the strike have called their supporters on to the streets again to exert maximum pressure on the French community's regional executive before it decides tomorrow. Tempers among teachers are high and support is still strong.

French teachers believe they are the first serious victims of Belgium's experimental devolution of power. Wilfried Martens, the prime minister, is pushing the process through.

Control of education has fallen to the Flemish "government" based in Ghent and to the French-speaking "Community", but the power to pay teachers rests with the centre, with its hands still firmly on the purse-strings.

Granting British councils could face large unforeseen education costs, following a landmark ruling from the European Court of Justice, which implies that children of foreign nationals working in Britain could be entitled to a grant from the UK authorities if they wish to return to their home country to study.

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Britain linked to secret anti-Soviet network

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AS ROME continues to be rocked by allegations that the Italian end of a secret Nato resistance network was used for domestic political purposes, an authoritative source confirmed that Britain had run its own "stay behind" paramilitary groups.

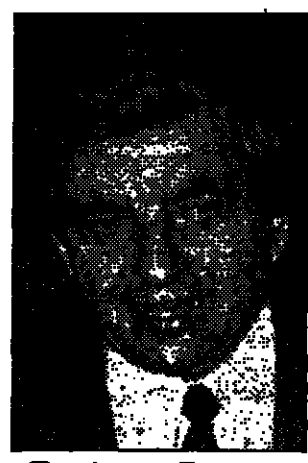
They were formed as part of a previously unknown Nato wartime contingency plan in the 1950s to sabotage any Soviet occupation of Europe. The resistance fighters were trained to mount guerrilla attacks on Soviet forces.

The British source said it was part of Nato planning. He did not know whether the British network still existed.

The recent revelations from Rome have been causing embarrassment in Nato because of allegations that the Italian covert groups had been activated in the 1970s to keep the Communists out of power.

Communist politicians are claiming that agents from the Italian secret intelligence service used the covert groups, intended only as "sleeper" teams to be activated in the event of a Soviet occupation, to carry out a bombing campaign in the 1970s. During this period there was a series of bombings and murders, perpetrated by neo-fascist groups.

The worst was the 1980 bomb explosion at Bologna railway station, in which 85 people were killed and 200 injured. The accusation is that these



Chevalier: France set up a network in the 1950s

attacks were intended to discredit communists and other left-wing politicians and to keep the Christian Democrat party in power.

The dirty political war in Italy, particularly the allegations from the left linking right-wing terror to the Christian Democrats, caught the rest of the alliance by surprise.

Those who knew about the covert groups emphasised that it was justified to make contingency plans for mounting guerrilla attacks on Soviet occupation forces. What they were anxious to avoid was any implication that the well-trained sabotage groups had any part to play in peacetime.

Since the disclosure five weeks ago by Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister, that Operation Gladio, the

codename for the network, still existed, a number of alliance members have confirmed that similar Gladio groups were set up in their countries in the early 1950s.

While the defence ministry and Foreign Office in London refused to comment on security and intelligence matters, one senior British military source said he did not believe there was any link between Operation Gladio and right-wing terror attacks in the 1970s. "If the Italian 'stay behind' operation was being used for domestic purposes, it certainly had nothing to do with Nato," the source said.

Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the French defence minister, said this week that France's network was established in the early 1950s to plan for liaisons between a government-in-exile and an underground resistance in the event that the country was occupied by East bloc forces.

He said France's section had remained dormant from the time it was set up, until it was disbanded. A Paris newspaper, *Libération*, claimed yesterday that the French network was formally dissolved only after the disclosures from Rome, although the operation had been in a state of "clinical death" for many years.

Similar paramilitary resistance groups also existed in Belgium, and were also said to have been formed in Greece and The Netherlands.

Moscow summons Rome party chief

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ROME

IN A move which has fuelled speculation that the Italian communist party may be considering merging with other left-wing parties, Achille Occhetto, its leader, was yesterday suddenly invited to Moscow to confer with President Gorbachev.

Signor Occhetto has tried to hold together Italy's principal opposition force, which recently voted to change its name to Party of the Democratic Left, at a time when communist ideology has been discarded throughout Europe. The Italian party remain the

largest communist grouping in Western Europe, and though denied access to government, it won more votes in 1984 than the ruling Christian Democrats. But since the fall of the Berlin Wall a year ago they have faced an identity crisis, torn between breaking decisively with marxism and remaining faithful to the old communist ideals.

Signor Occhetto's meetings with Mr Gorbachev today and tomorrow take place ahead of the Soviet leader's weekend visit to Italy to sign economic accords and a bilateral friend-

ship pact. Mr Gorbachev clearly hopes to lend his personal prestige to Signor Occhetto's party a few months before elections are expected.

President Gorbachev is also, according to a communist party source here, expected to chide Signor Occhetto for failing to take advantage of the Christian Democrats' discomfort caused by the revelations last week of the anti-communist undercover plot known as Operation Gladio. Details of the plot continue to emerge, embarrassing President Cos-

siga and Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister. A realignment of the Italian left appears imminent, though it is not clear what form it will take.

Despite Mr Gorbachev's many commitments and worries, he still takes the flagship of European communism seriously enough to feel the need to confer at short notice with Signor Occhetto. In January, a special congress of the Italian party will be held in Rimini, where it is expected to agree to substantial changes not only to its symbolism, but also to its ideology.

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South African covert unit 'had a hand in murders'

From GAVIN BELL
IN JOHANNESBURG

A COVERT South African military unit, which recognised no higher authority, employed convicted murderers and others with personal defects to "try, sentence and punish" perceived enemies of the state who had no opportunity to defend themselves, a judicial commission has found.

The commission, appointed in February to investigate 71 unsolved murders and other acts of political violence in the 1980s, said the unit had put its own interests above those of the public, and its activities had contaminated the entire state security apparatus.

However, Mr Justice Louis Harms, the chairman and sole member of the commission, implicated the shadowy Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) in only two murders, a bomb attack, and alleged plots to kill three anti-apartheid activists. He referred these cases to attorneys-general for further investigation.

In his report published yesterday, Mr Justice Harms said the conduct of CCB agents before and during the commission created the suspicion that they had been involved in more violent crimes than the evidence showed.



Malan: resisting calls for his resignation

While unable to find substantive proof of murderous activities by the unit, which was disbanded a week before the commission began sitting, Mr Justice Harms condemned the system which created it.

"The commission has been unable to achieve one of its main purposes, namely to restore public confidence in a part of the state administration," his report said.

It had been established that the CCB operated under the wing of the South African Defence Force (SADF) special forces, whose responsibility was to "disrupt maximally the enemies of the state," and in

particular the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party. Initially, it operated overseas, but in 1988 it created a domestic wing.

Referring to attempts to force the CCB to provide the commission with documentation, he said: "Orders by the state president, the minister of defence and the chief of the defence force were simply ignored. Requests by parliament, the auditor-general and the commission were treated with contempt." While there were indications that at least some members of the unit took the law into their own hands, he said: "The minister of defence is, of course, politically responsible for his department, and that includes the CCB." General Magnus Malan, the defence minister, has consistently rejected calls for him to resign over the affair. He agreed yesterday that ministers were answerable for their departments, but he said the CCB had been disbanded because of the unauthorised activity of five or six people. "This is clearly a case of employees... who, in the course of their service, committed crimes for which I, or anyone else cannot be held responsible," he said. The allegations would be investigated but it had to be

borne in mind that the mid-1980s was a period of revolutionary and terrorist threats against the state.

Mr Justice Harms found no evidence of a "hit squad".

There was no doubt that incidents related by former security policemen took place, but their testimony lacked credibility and the police had denied involvement. "It would be very difficult in the extreme to prove the veracity of the allegations in criminal proceedings," he said.

● SYDNEY: South Africa yesterday announced drastic reductions to its diplomatic staff in Canberra and the closure of its Sydney consulate because of Australia's alleged failure to recognise efforts to reform apartheid (Robert Cockburn writes).

Australia has been asked to make reciprocal cuts among its ten officials in South Africa by next April. The South African officials will go home in March.

Meanwhile, the South African foreign minister, R.F. "Pik" Botha said in London yesterday that South Africa wants to set up diplomatic links with Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia in an effort to promote trade and ease business agreements with Eastern Europe.



Strongarm tactics: two Burmese students, Ye Hsin Kyaw, left, and Ye Ma, arriving for a court hearing in the Indian city of Barrackpore, accused of hijacking a Thai air-liner to Calcutta at the weekend. All 221 passengers were released unharmed. The two men were remanded by the court until

November 25 (Reuters reports). The Indian government has rejected a request from the Burmese regime to send the students back to Rangoon, saying the two would be dealt with under Indian law. The two men have asked the Indian government to grant them political asylum.

No holds barred in New York press strike

From CHARLES BRENNER
IN NEW YORK

BACK when the Empire State Building was young and before the Dodgers left Brooklyn for Los Angeles, the voice of New York was the *Daily News*. Gritty and brash, the tabloid conveyed the rough energy of Gotham City.

The *New York Times* may have recorded history, but it was the *News* that soiled against its nine rivals with scoops such as the time in 1928 when it smuggled a camera into the death cell at Sing Sing prison and snapped the execution of a woman.

Now, almost three weeks into a bitter strike, the *News*, still the biggest-selling US city daily as recently as last year, may be about to go the way of all those other New York institutions, from the Dodgers to Checker cabs. The struggle is an anachronism in a country where organised labour has lost its clout in virtually every industry, and represents a watershed in New York, still very much a union town.

Few New Yorkers have escaped the battle between the Chicago Tribune group, the thriving company which owns the *News*, and the production and drivers' unions which are determined to prevent it from selling its "scab" edition, put together by replacements and non-strikers. More than 60 delivery lorries have been destroyed and dozens of union members arrested in skirmishes involving rock-throwing, arson and attacks with baseball bats. Armed guards ride shotgun and security cars escort the lorries every night, but few newspaper sellers are willing to take the risk of handling the *News*.

The owners are accusing the unions of organising Mafia-type violence. The unions say the owners, who spent millions training replacements and setting the scene for a showdown, are employing "goon squads" to provoke bloodshed. At the *News* headquarters, an art deco skyscraper on 42nd Street, hundreds of pickets and police stand guard. Radio stations are thick with rival commentaries.

Although the owners appeared to have the upper hand. They had kept the presses running with new staff, producing a pallid version of the old *News*, and journalists were trickling back to work. But it has become clear that few of the 300,000 or so papers being printed are reaching readers. This week, Jim Hoge, the chief executive, has resorted to the desperate measure of employing hundreds of vagrants to hawk the *News* for pennies on subway trains and streets. Most long-standing advertisers have now defected.

Mike McAlary, a champion of the underdog who was the newspaper's star, has defected in disgust to the *New York Post*, the rival tabloid which survived near-death this year after a compromise between the owners and unions.

He said: "You can't write a column that professes to be about fairness and taking down bad guys when the paper is unfair and, quite suddenly, the bad guy."

Many old hands have little sympathy for what they see as suicidal union practices, but they have stayed out because they are appalled by the tough tactics employed by the owners.

Hong Kong frees 111 boat people once more

From PAUL MOONEY
IN HONG KONG

A GROUP of 111 Vietnamese boat people rearrested on Monday in Hong Kong just after a High Court judge ordered their release, were set free again yesterday.

"In exercising my discretion I have decided to release them on their own recognisance," Lawrence Leung, director of immigration, said.

The Vietnamese have been put in the care of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and lawyers were preparing yesterday for their release from Victoria prison and transfer to the open-air Jock Tak refugee centre later in the evening. The refugees will be temporarily pending the completion of court proceedings.

Judge Raymond Sears, who on Monday had ordered the release of the refugees, granted them leave to apply for a fresh writ of habeas corpus.

The boat people arrived in Hong Kong in May 1989 asking for provisions and repairs to their ship. They maintain that they did not intend to stay in Hong Kong but planned to sail on to Japan.

A government spokesman said that in the government's view their treatment had been in full accordance with the letter and spirit of Hong Kong law. He said that after the govt's release by the court, the boat people had been detained to enable the immigration department to determine their status. "This is normal procedure where an immigrant without documents or permission to land is found in Hong Kong," he said.

The government is considering an appeal. "If the court ruling is not overturned," the spokesman said, "then at some stage action may be taken to remove all 111 from Hong Kong."

Chinese visit off

Peking — Wan Li, the chairman of the Chinese National People's Congress, who was to have been the highest-level visitor to Britain since the Tiananmen Square mass killings in June last year, has postponed his trip indefinitely, citing health reasons (Catherine Simpson writes).

Mr Wan's visit was to have started on Saturday, at the invitation of the House of Commons. Diplomatic sources said that Mr Wan, aged 74, had been advised by his doctors not to travel to Britain, but no details of his health had been given. Foreigners attending recent official meetings with Mr Wan say that he has looked extremely unwell. Leading article, page 15.

Peru rebel's jail term lengthened

Lima — The leader of Peru's Shining Path guerrillas, Osman Morote, has been sentenced to 20 years in jail by a Peruvian court for bombings, assaults and other attacks carried out by the Maoist rebels. Morote is already serving a 15-year sentence for other crimes.

Four other Shining Path guerrillas were sentenced to jail terms ranging from 10 to 18 years. (Reuters)

Brando affair

Papeete — Cheyenne Brando, daughter of Marlon Brando, was recovering in a Tahiti hospital after trying to hang herself. Miss Brando, aged 20, is a key figure in a murder case against her brother Christian, who is accused of shooting her Tahitian boyfriend, Dag Drollet, last May. (Reuters)

Papal crusade

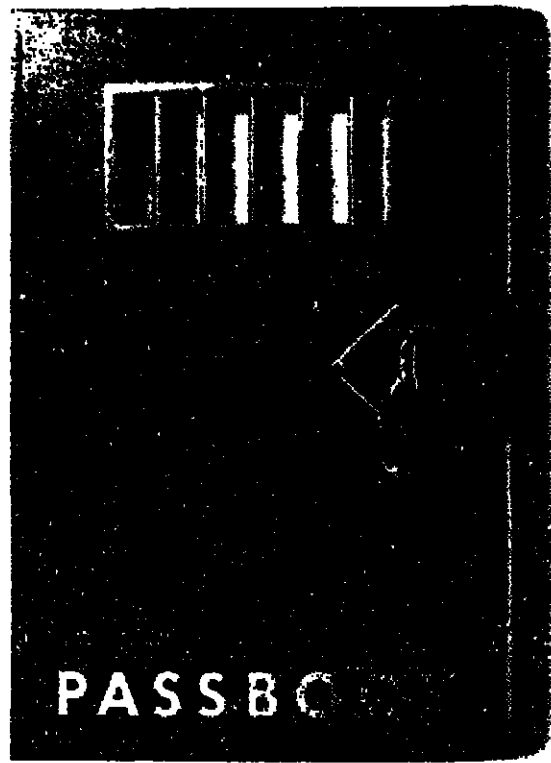
Aversa, Italy — The Pope, on an anti-Mafia crusade in the Naples region, denounced violence against immigrants which had "bathed the land in tears and blood". The Pope has spoken out against organised crime on every day of a five-day visit to the area, urging local politicians to be honest. He also pleaded for more tolerance towards North African farmhands. (Reuters)

Falklands talks

Madrid — Delegations of British and Argentine officials met here for a second day of "technical discussions" aimed at resolving differences about fishing rights off the Falklands. Argentina considers Britain's proposal to extend the 15-mile fishing zone to 200 miles would interfere with the limits of its territorial waters. The countries re-established diplomatic ties after talks here last February.

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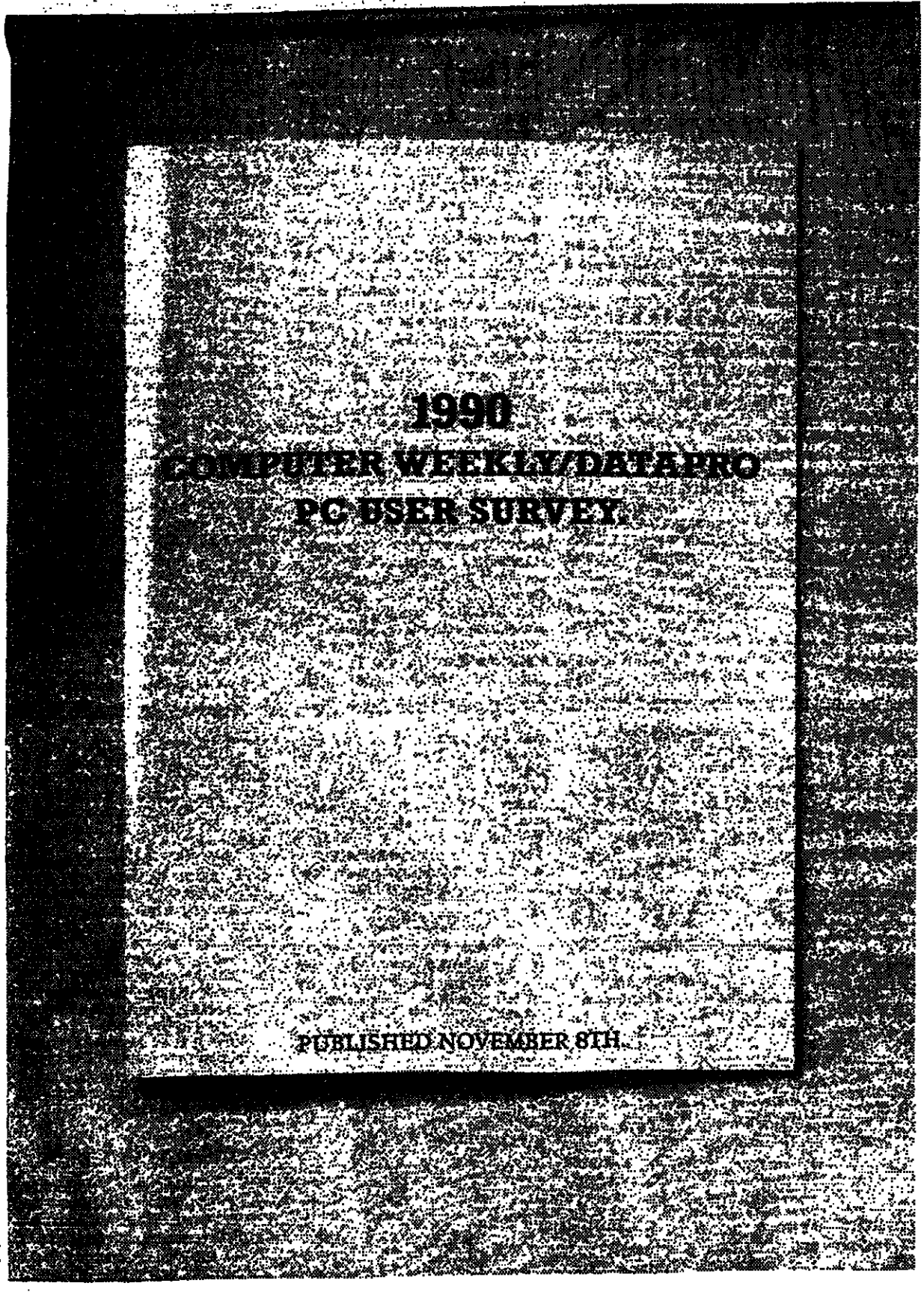
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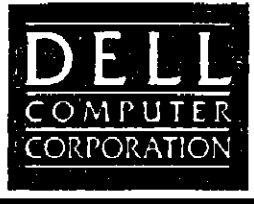
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Les enfants enrégés

Philip Jacobson

Paris Cars burning along the Quai d'Orsay, running fights between police and stone-throwing youths in the Latin quarter, teargas drifting over the Seine as riot squads stand by to repel attacks on public buildings... The violent aftermath of the protest march by 100,000 high school pupils in Paris on Monday — the vast majority of whom behaved impeccably — inevitably brings to mind images of May 1968 and the student unrest in 1986, especially since the government is manifestly off-balance and faces a difficult motion of censure in parliament next week.

The alacrity with which President Mitterrand, that great trimmer, began signalling that he understands the concerns and aspirations that first sent France's lycéens into the streets a month ago further underlines the unease in the Socialist camp. Nobody at the Elysée Palace needs to be reminded that both the previous student uprisings, which ultimately turned into direct challenges to government policy, were fuelled initially by the same pervasive discontent.

But if simple arithmetic indicates that many of today's protesters are the sons and daughters of the "68ers", their demands are significantly different. From the start, the present wave of demonstrations has been about the money needed to rescue France's secondary education system from a sea of troubles.

In no particular order, protestors in every corner of the country want decaying buildings upgraded, classroom overcrowding relieved, more teachers and steps to ensure that schools are made safer and free of drugs.

As the prominent educationist Edgar Morin pointed out in *Le Monde* the other day, that is a long way from the loose (some would say sloppy) political ideology that motivated the 1968 demonstrations. "Their central demand was for a change in society, which was not something that lay within the power of the government of the day. The present unrest among lycéens seems to lack any such global characteristic."

So why is Mitterrand apparently so edgy about it, moving swiftly to express indirect criticism in public of his beleaguered education minister, Lionel Jospin, even of the prime minister, Michel Rocard? After all, this is the government that has just asked for a record £24 billion for education, making it the single largest item in the budget: spending on schools is to rise by 8.5 per cent in real terms, on the universities by almost 12 per cent, with most of the extra funds being siphoned off directly from defence.

M Jospin is understandably aggrieved at the protest banners accusing him of scrimping on the lycéens: he has been known to

complain that every delegation he receives — whether of pupils, parents or teachers — simply sticks out a hand for more cash instead of suggesting dialogue and negotiation. Nor has the ministry's creation of more than 1,000 new administrative posts in the educational system, plus the appointment of 3,000 "monitors" to improve security, done anything to diminish the pressure.

The best explanation for this lies in the origin of the present unrest, at a string of schools in the bleak and underprivileged outer suburbs of Paris. These grim industrial areas are the home ground of the young *zonards*, for most of whom the future is already mapped out as grinding manual work at best, or, increasingly, long-term unemployment.

Many are of north and west African origin, the children of immigrants now growing up as French citizens, soon eligible to vote, should they bother to. Their simmering anger at the conditions in which they live, the inadequate schooling, their dismal job prospects, is slowly surfacing to confront French society.

To some observers, a clear line runs from the recent serious riots at Vaulx-en-Velin near Lyons to rising tension in many schools in the cities. The tightly organised bands of "Zulus" and "Vicious Sharks" who spill into Paris most weekends from rundown housing outside the city centre are composed mainly of teenagers destined to drop out of school without taking the baccalauréat exam that will decide the future of more fortunate pupils.

Speak to them at demonstrations while middle-class pupils and their parents stage polite protests and the bitterness, rage even, at being let down by the educational system is uncoiled. Like Nasser Randahe, who is now emerging as an articulate protest leader among left-wing student groups, they have become "realists who are determined not to be thrown away" in mouldering suburban lycées preparing them for a life as second-class citizens.

"We are not like our parents, who took all the crap without complaining," warned one black *zonard* on Monday's march. "This may be a picnic for the bourgeois kids but we are deadly serious." The consequence of ignoring their demands, cost what it may, should be abundantly clear. On both occasions when the lycéens have marched through Paris, hoodlums identified as "Zulus" and other ghetto groups have deliberately provoked violence by looting and attacking the police.

The message for the Elysée, for France's *classe politique* at large, was lettered neatly on one banner being waved above the throng on Monday. "Politicians, we are the future of France," it read. "We will not allow you to sacrifice us."

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CRAIG BROWN

To the Constituency Association, Margin-on-Skids, from Sir William Jiggery-Pokery MP In recent weeks there has been much speculation, fanned by the media, on the possibility of a challenge to the leadership of the Conservative party.

As you may have guessed, this "little local difficulty" into a news item quite out of all proportion. To my mind we should all get on with the job in hand rather than participating in media hoo-ha.

As you are no doubt aware, I put forward this view on *Newsnight* last Tuesday (video cassettes still available). I then rushed to Bush House to declare in no uncertain terms that it was "an ill-disguised publicity venture by a small number of backbenchers", and from there to BBC Radio Sheffield where I reiterated my opinion at some length that "there is nothing to talk about".

I followed this by a round condemnation on Radio One's *Newsday* programme (15 million listeners) of those who "will do anything to make their voices heard for short-term gain". The next morning I was to be heard on a variety of local radio stations calling for "a prolonged period of silence".

Finally, you may have heard me on the *Jimmy Young Show* on Radio 2 stating that "on my benched knees, tears in my eyes I beg of the party to stay calm — or face certain death". One thing is for sure, over-reaction will prove absolutely fatal.

William Jiggery-Pokery

To the Editor, The Margin-on-Skids Advertiser Sir, In these uncertain times, the people of Margin-on-Skids are, I feel, entitled to know upon which fence their Member of Parliament is sitting.

Might I make it perfectly clear that I did not explore every avenue before crossing this particular road. One thing is clear, we must not miss the train. When all is said and done, it is up to each of us to come to the only conclusion possible. But let us not answer hypothetical questions. Now is the time for loyalty to the leadership.

whomsoever that leadership may or may not be. I hope I will be forgiven for such plain speaking; my friends tell me that excessive honesty has long been my weakness. I trust you know me well enough by now to realise that I am a man who would rather keep his mouth shut than ever be gagged.

William Jiggery-Pokery

From The Sunday Press, November 11

Senior Conservative backbenchers yesterday spoke out on the leadership challenge. One of them, Sir William Jiggery-Pokery, stated firmly: "We must learn the lessons of history. The Battle of Hastings 1066, Bannockburn 1314. Divorced, beheaded, died, survived. In 1854, Palmerston had no intention of resigning as prime minister. How could he have done? He did not become prime minister until 1855. Finally, as is the tradition during such troubled times, might I also mention King Canute?"

From The Margin-on-Skids Herald, November 14

In an urgent press release local MP William Jiggery-Pokery declared that "contrary to prevailing rumour" he would not bow to popular demand to stand in any Conservative party leadership election. Initial reports suggest that the news of the prevailing rumour came as a shock to his constituency association and to most of his fellow MPs, many of whom remembered his name, but could not put a face to it. "Now is the time for the wicket-keeper to resist an own goal before making a pit-stop," Sir William said last night, declining to confirm rumours that there had been rumours.

From the office of Sir William Jiggery-Pokery MP

Dear Margaret, let me assure you that, in the event of any challenge to the leadership, my loyalty remains constant.

Yours ever, William

From the office of Sir William Jiggery-Pokery MP

Dear Michael, let me assure you that, in the event of any challenge to the leadership, my loyalty remains constant.

Yours ever, William

A clear, agonising choice

Henry Kissinger warns that reliance on sanctions against Iraq could rule out the military option, leaving Saddam triumphant and Bush humiliated



America must soon make a choice in the Gulf. It cannot afford to let its first act of global leadership after the end of the cold war drift into a stalemate between a war of controversial purpose and the abandonment of goals adamantly reiterated by President Bush and the international community.

The American objectives have been affirmed repeatedly in United Nations resolutions: unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, restoration of its legitimate government, and unconditional release of all hostages. Yet Washington has been strangely reluctant to explain how these objectives reflect the American national interest.

Americans must not be given the impression that they have a duty to go to war against every evil leader and against every transgression of the international order. They need to understand why, if unchecked, this specific aggression by this particular leader will in time threaten their own security and pose ever more difficult choices. President Bush's speech of August 8 defined stability in the Gulf as a vital American interest, following the precedents of his two immediate predecessors. But little has been done to spell out why this is so.

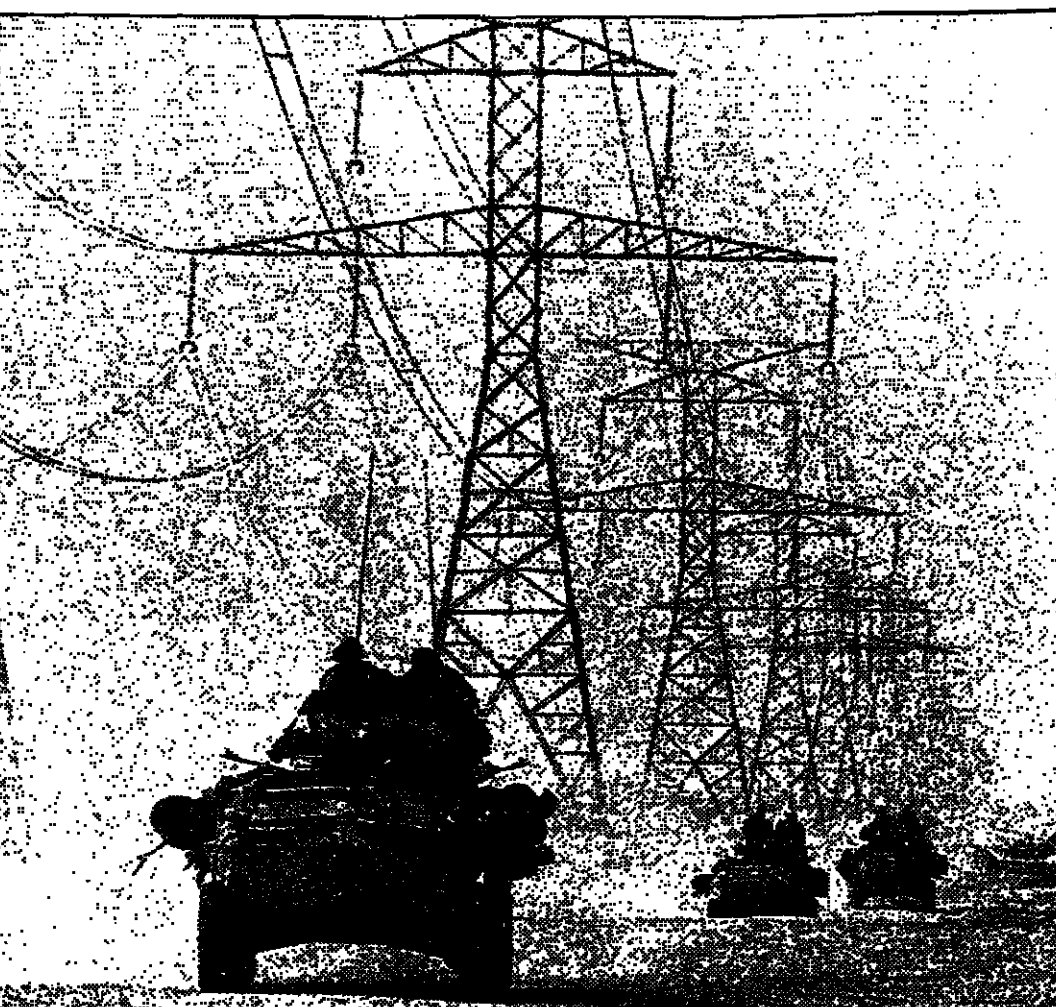
The reluctance to define the American national interest has been matched by vagueness about the means required to achieve the stated objectives. According to official pronouncements, the UN goals are to be achieved by sanctions leading to negotiations if possible, or, as a last recourse, by military means. The two approaches have been presented as if they were successive phases of the same policy. In fact, they are likely to prove mutually exclusive, because by the time it is evident that sanctions alone cannot succeed, a credible military option will probably no longer exist.

To achieve the proclaimed objectives by sanctions, at least six hurdles must be overcome: ● The sanctions must bite. ● They must be maintained throughout any negotiations. ● Compromise proposals must not be considered. ● Once the UN terms are achieved, arms control objectives must be addressed. ● The military option must remain intact psychologically, technically and diplomatically during the entire course of negotiations. ● There must be no other up-or-down vote to defect the United States or to rend allied cohesion.

To list these hurdles is to set forth the practical impossibility of clearing them. If the sanctions do bite soon, Iraq is more likely to offer to negotiate than to surrender. In that case, pressures to ease the sanctions will be difficult to resist. Which democracy will want to be responsible for starvation in Iraq and Kuwait once negotiations are under way?

The fundamental dilemma is that the UN terms leave no room for real negotiation — except perhaps the staging of the Iraqi withdrawal. So all so-called diplomatic solutions effectively dilute the UN actions while maintaining Iraq's war-making potential.

For example, even if Saddam accepts the principle of withdrawal from Kuwait, he has already hinted — and Mr Gorbachev's Middle East envoy, Yevgeny Primakov, has confirmed — that he would defend Kuwait as excluding a strip of land containing a major oilfield as well as two



US marines on exercise in the Saudi desert near the Iraqi border. Will they ever see action?

islands controlling access to the Shatt al-Arab waterway. Would America or the UN be prepared to go to war over such a claim, especially in light of the hints we seem to have given to Saddam Hussein before the invasion that we had no strong views about his border dispute with Kuwait?

Similarly, President Mitterrand's scheme for an election to determine the legitimate government of Kuwait runs up against the practical obstacles that half of Kuwait's citizens are refugees, and that most of the people remaining in Kuwait are non-citizens.

Saddam's Arab neighbours will surely note that none of the proposals made in the public discussion would reduce Iraq's military pre-eminence or restore Kuwait completely. If they conclude that they will be condemned to live with a dominant Iraq, they will begin their own negotiations. Recent remarks by the Saudi defence minister suggest that the haggling has already begun. But will military force still be psychologically possible after months of inconclusive manoeuvring? And without a realistic military threat, how can the American/UN objectives be achieved?

Many who advocated sanctions seem to have accepted that their strategy cannot reach the stated goals. However, rather than re-examine the strategy, they are watering down the agreed objectives. Mitterrand has suggested that as soon as Iraq accepts the principle of withdrawal — in other words, before it actually withdraws — its grievances against Kuwait might be negotiated. Newspapers have urged direct negotiation between Kuwait and Iraq, coupled with some vague arms-control negotiation. The common feature of all these schemes is that they undermine the military option by consuming time, exacting no penalty for aggression, looting a country and taking hostages, and leave as the only disputed issue the extent of the aggressor's gains. And having faced down the combined might of the forces opposing it, Iraq would have little incentive to make

concessions to the fears of its neighbours in any subsequent arms-control negotiation.

To be fair, many who advocate sanctions-induced negotiations recognise this dilemma. They propose to protect a settlement by a new regional security system based on a significant American military presence in Saudi Arabia. This is a dangerous mirage. If, after adamant pronouncements and the deployment of a large expeditionary force, the stated US objectives

'All negotiation schemes fail to exact a penalty for aggression, looting and taking hostages, and leave as the only disputed issue the extent of the aggressor's gains'

were not reached, no Gulf state would happily entrust its fate to a long-term American presence.

Even if despair led some Gulf nations to welcome a continued American ground presence, this would at best be temporary, and at worst would accelerate the mounting chaos. The often-heard argument that America proved its staying power in Korea and Europe misses the point. The issue in Arabia is not American staying-power but the host country's domestic stability. In Europe and Korea, American forces contributed to domestic stability; in Saudi Arabia they would threaten it. A substantial American ground establishment would soon become the target of radical and nationalist agitation. Once Iraq had faced down American and UN terms, such a force would sooner or later become hostage to revolutionary Iraq, fundamentalist Iran and

events substantially out of our control.

Saddam Hussein's intransigence may well reflect the calculation that every passing week erodes the likelihood that the forces assembled in the desert can be used against him, and the belief that if war appears imminent, he can defuse the crisis by opening negotiations. He will be confirmed in these views by the many recent visitors, both official and freelance, seeking to compromise what cannot be compromised.

In short, America must choose a strategy appropriate to its objectives or else choose objectives achievable by whatever policy we are willing to implement. And we should have no illusions. After the deployment of a vast expeditionary force and President Bush's unequivocal call for unconditional withdrawal, merely stabilising the Saudi-Kuwait border would undermine America's relevance to the Middle East and shake moderate Muslim governments from the Gulf to Morocco, including Egypt and even Turkey.

Choosing war will be neither easy nor attractive; this is, in fact, Mr Bush's difficulty. But that such a decision might have to be made has been implicit in the administration's actions and pronouncements throughout. Precisely because the decision is so grave, it should not be precipitated by frustration or petulance. Reports suggest that Washington is waiting for a suitable provocation. After engaging in naked aggression, systematically violating human rights, looting and destroying the nation of Kuwait and taking a thousand American hostages, it is hard to see what more Iraq might do to justify military action.

The diplomatic means by which military action can be implemented require especially thoughtful preparation. Two methods are available: authorisation by the UN or a unilateral invocation of Article 51, which defines the right of self-defence. If America seeks UN approval, it is likely to discover the limits of collective security. Some nations

may well not want to assume responsibility for actions which nevertheless they recognise are necessary. Others, though agreeing in substance, may be reluctant to elaborate a theory of great-power military intervention. Still others will disagree with both substance and execution. And the UN debates are certain to be protracted, enabling Iraq to strengthen its defences and perhaps to attack us. Any authorisation would almost inevitably be bedged about by restrictions that might defeat its purpose.

To invoke Article 51, the administration needs to prepare the American people and involve Congress. Mr Bush would have to spell out why he insists on the UN terms, why they may lead to military action, and why an important objective of such a conflict would be to establish a stable balance of power in the Gulf. None of this, he must make clear, will be easy or cost-free.

Should the president decide on such a course, military strategy should remain related to realistic political objectives. We do not want to tempt another state — perhaps Iran, perhaps Syria — to try to establish a hegemony in the Middle East. If war does prove unavoidable, our objective should be not to destroy Iraq, but to raise the cost of occupying Kuwait to an unacceptable level while reducing Iraq's capacity to threaten its neighbours.

The steady build-up of American forces suggests a commitment to a frontal assault. Perhaps in the end there is no choice other than an attack on entrenched Iraqi positions in Kuwait. But ground combat involving heavy casualties against an enemy tempered by the experience of an eight-year defensive war of attrition with Iran should be an absolutely last resort. Before embarking on it, other approaches must be considered.

The destruction of Iraq's military and industrial complexes, especially its chemical and nuclear facilities and its air and missile forces, would tip the military balance and speed up the working of sanctions. Such a strategy would rely on air and naval power and use ground forces primarily to overawe a response.

If Saddam's military government sees its principal source of power erode, negotiations more compatible with American objectives could result. Even if one of the compromises sketched above were eventually adopted, contingency I would regret — the setback would be eased by the reduction in the Iraqi military threat.

"The Pentagon is rightly allergic to the kind of direct military interference it experienced in the Vietnam war, but surely there is a middle ground that leaves tactical decisions to the field commander while preserving the basic strategic choices for the president.

Without doubt, the military option would prove painful and difficult. It might trigger major demonstrations in many Muslim countries; it could well evoke a new wave of terrorism. Saddam might also spread the conflict. But these dangers must be weighed against the risks of an even larger conflict later if a demonstration of American impotence leads to a collapse of moderate governments, to escalating crises and the disintegration of all order.

As the American administration makes its decisions, it deserves sympathy for the anguish of its choices and the fortitude with which it has managed events up to now. I hope it can find a way forward that avoids both a military strategy of total destructiveness and a diplomatic strategy of amassing UN resolutions, the progressive disregard of which will at some point demonstrate the UN's impotence. But whatever our destination, we must arrive at it by design rather than as captives of circumstance.

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Making a stir in the houses

A Sir Geoffrey Howe's Commons attack on the prime minister echoed around Westminster last night, Tory MPs loyal to Mrs Thatcher were furious that he continues to enjoy the comforts of the grace and favour London house that he was given as Leader of the House. They believe he should have moved out immediately after his resignation two weeks ago. "The removal men should be sent around first thing tomorrow morning," said Sir Nicholas Fairbairn. "The moment he lost office he should have lost the perks that go with it."

Mrs Thatcher gave Sir Geoffrey the house, overlooking the Thames near the Tate Gallery, as a consolation for losing Chevening, the 17th-century country house that he and his wife Elspeth enjoyed during his term at the Foreign Office, from which he was sacked in July 1989. For 82 years the London house was the official residence of the commander of the Royal Army Medical Corps. The present commandant, Major-General Pat Crawford, and his wife Juliet had just refurbished it ready to move in when the newly-laid rugs were snatched from under them.

In addition to the London *pietà*, Howe also negotiated the use of Dorneywood, the Buckinghamshire mansion that was Nigel Lawson's country residence when he was Chancellor.

Whatever happens, Sir Geoffrey will not be homeless. Earlier this year he bought a £350,000 house at Long Compton,

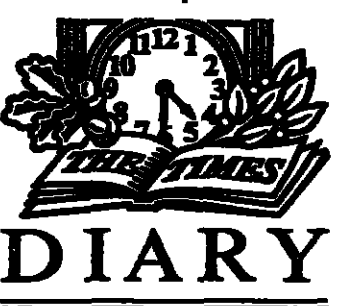
Warwickshire, near one of his daughters. Downing Street said yesterday that no decision has been made on Howe's occupancy of the London house. "If there comes a point when he has not moved he may be asked to. But no date has been set." That, however, was before Howe's speech.

Denis Thatcher was wrongly credited with providing his wife's *fighting cricket metaphors* in the *Lord Mayor's Banquet*. Others attributed the belligerent jargon to cricketer aficionado John Major, patron of the Surrey Cricket Club Youth Year appeal. But it seems the PM's expertise may be all her own. She is a member of the Lord's Taverners and hosted a reception for them at Downing Street only last week. "Cricket? We talk about nothing else here," says a Downing Street source. Mrs Thatcher? "She is practising in the nets at the moment."

Please buy me...

Tory MPs agonising over the merits of Thatcher versus Heseltine have the opportunity on Friday to watch party political broadcasts on behalf of both. The two 30-second films will be screened on London Weekend Television's *Six o'clock Live* in a parody of American presidential campaigns. "We decided to imagine what it would be like if the candidates made films to promote themselves," says the producer, Christie Yeates. "We would like to feature Sir Geoffrey Howe, but we are faced with time constraints."

Championing Mrs Thatcher is the agency The Creative Business, more used to selling pet-food than prime ministers. "We are making



Mrs Thatcher's history and persona relevant to the present time," says Helen Bell. "In a sense Heseltine is easier to sell because it's always easier to say 'Isn't it time we had a change?'

Tinker, Taylor...

Friends of A.J.P. Taylor, who died in September, will honour his memory at a gathering at Magdalen College, Oxford, in the new year. For those of them who have not heard it, here is an anecdote from the broadcaster and campaigning author Robert Kee, who was Taylor's pupil before becoming an RAF bomber pilot in 1940.

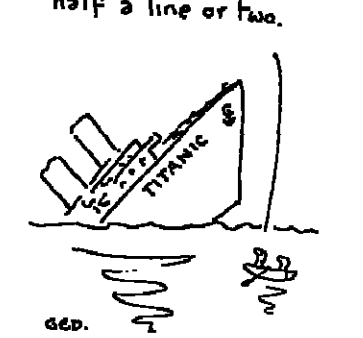
After 22 missions over Germany, Kee was shot down and taken prisoner. Throughout his three-year captivity he received regular letters from Taylor, many of them laced with gossip about academic politics at Magdalen. Of this, Kee did not understand a word. Only after his return to Britain at the end of the war was all explained. Taylor told him that every month a cloak-and-dagger figure visited him and got him to insert a series of code words into the letters. Kee did not know what

was going on, and in any case would not have been able to decipher them. What they said remains a mystery, since the letters disappeared when the camp was liberated by the Red Army. Perhaps they are still sitting in a Moscow archive, waiting to be discovered by a historian and added to the mass of Tayloriana.

Third time lucky

Nearly 60 years of history lie behind a bookbinding currently on show at the British Library. The jewel-encrusted copy of Edward FitzGerald's version of *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam* is identical to a

This could cancel half a line or two.



copy that went down with the Titanic in 1912. The original was bound in 1910 by the Polish bookbinder Francis Sangorski. It had a design of three peacocks decorated with topaz, and miniature rubies in their eyes. Twelve years after the disaster, Stanley Bray began work as an apprentice with the firm of

Sangorski and Sutcliffe. "People in the firm still talked about Sangorski and his *Rubaiyat*," says Bray, now 83 and living in Surrey. "It was thought impossible to create a binding as brilliantly as he had done."

When Bray discovered Sangorski's original pattern in 1932, he set about proving them wrong. He spent seven years creating an exact copy and collecting the jewels," says Bray, "only to have it reduced to ashes in the Blitz." Bray rescued the jewels and began work on a second copy. He returned to it after his retirement in 1985 and completed it last year.

Bray says it is impossible to put a value on the book. "The jewels alone must be worth £30,000. I suppose it's satisfying to have left something of a legacy."

Stand-up clerics

After lobbying David Mellor, the arts minister, the British Music Hall Society is staging a diverse range of acts to try to prove its suitability for a government grant. One of them is *The London Holy Show*, put together by a group of clerics led by a violent-playing Roman Catholic nun, which recently entertained members of the society at the Westminster Cathedral conference centre.

Jack Seaton, president of the society, says: "They sing Irish folk songs and tell cheeky jokes. The proceeds of their shows go to charity. If ever we are given the status we deserve, we can come to the aid of similar worthy causes. We hope that now we have God on our side, the government may look more sympathetically on us."



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 13: The Queen was present at a Service in Westminster Abbey this morning on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Fifth General Synod of the Church of England. Her Majesty was received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey and by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

The Queen then read the formal Declaration of Inauguration and was graciously pleased to address the Synod. The Archbishop of York replied.

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a "Magnificent Seven" dinner at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

This afternoon the Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, attended a seminar on Disability and Information Technology at IBM, 76 Upper Ground, London SE1.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness, President, REDR, Engineers for Disaster Relief, attended the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Computer Society, Great George Street, London SW1.

In the evening the Princess Royal attended the Royal Air Force, Beaulieu, Hampshire, 50th Anniversary Appeal Evening at St James's Palace, London.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning unveiled a statue of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill at Chartwell and accepted it on behalf of the National Trust.

Ruth, Lady Ferny and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Ruth, Lady Ferny as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon visited the Leeds Child Protection Team in Woodhouse Square.

Her Royal Highness later visited the Showroom and Headquarters of British Gas plc, North Eastern Region.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 13: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened his offices at Sir William Harcourt and Partners Ltd, High Street, Colchester, and was received by Mr C. J. Holmes (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Essex).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 13: The Duke of Kent, Patron, this morning presented the British Computer Society Awards at the Waldorf Hotel, London WC2.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

King Hussein of Jordan
celebrates his birthday today. The Prince of Wales celebrates his birthday today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Aye and Miss A.L. Sexton
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Aye, of Youngstown, Ohio, USA, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Sexton, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr V.S.C. Cuss and Miss J.M. Wise
The engagement is announced between Samuel, youngest son of the late Mr T.P.C. Cuss and of Mrs D. Cuss, of Wimbledon, London, and Joanna, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.A.R. Wise and of Mrs M.A. Wise, of Truro, Cornwall.

Mr R.J. Dowling and Miss S.L. Fish-Lomas
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr Howard Dowling and Mrs Clem Rees, of Southfields, Australia, and Sara Louise, only daughter of Mr A.R. Fish and Mrs William Lomas, of Highton, Lancashire.

The Hon J.E.M. Eden and Miss J.J. Spears
The engagement is announced between John (Jack), younger son of Lord Eden of Winton, of Kensington, London, W8, and of Mrs W. Blanshard, of Seemley, Dorset, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr Barrie D. Spears, of Hong Kong, and Mrs J.E. Spears, of Gloucester.

Mr J.S. Halliday and Miss N. Corder
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Walter and Sonia Halliday, of Crawley Ridge, Camberley, Surrey, and Nicholas, only daughter of John and Adrienne Corderford, of Horsham, Sussex.

Mr A.M.A. Hardwick and Miss S.C. Bowers
The engagement is announced between Adrian, youngest son of the Rev John and Mrs Hardwick, of Hillcroft, Auden, Cheshire, and Samantha, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bowers, of Wood End, Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr T.C. Lewington and Miss J.N.H. Davies
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr Maurice Lewington and the late Mrs Sheila Lewington and stepson of Mrs Fiona Lewington, of Bickley, Kent, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Davies, of Chippingstead, Surrey.

Mr R.S.H. Mackintosh and Miss E.C. Soper
The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr and Mrs I.R. Mackintosh, of Caseytown, Tavistock, Devon, and Emma Christina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Stone, of The Cliffe House, Buckland Abbey, Yelverton, Devon.

Mr J.J. Moczarski and Miss S.E.E. Westmore
The engagement is announced between Jeremy John, son of Mr and Mrs Stefan Moczarski, of Wimbledon, and Sarah Elizabeth Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Westmore, of Ashmstead, Berkshire.

Mr D.P. O'Neill and Miss S.M. Morris-Eyton
The engagement is announced between David, son of Professor and Mrs R. O'Neill, of Southfields, Wiltshire, and Susan Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Morris-Eyton, of Beckside, Millom, Cumbria.

Mr N.S. Orr and Miss F.M.R. Lawson-Tancred
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the late Mr George Alister Orr and of Mrs Orr, of Montgreenan, Ayrshire, and Finella, only daughter of Sir Henry Lawson-Tancred, Bt, and the late Lady (Jean Veronica) Lawson-Tancred, of Aldborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.D.H.B. Rothman and Miss L.V. Middlemas
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs George Rothman, of St Elizabeth's House, Eastleigh, Gloucestershire, and Lucy, second daughter of Professor and Mrs Keith Middlemas, of Westburton House, Westburton, West Sussex.

Mr M.J. Samlison and Miss L.A. Finlayson
The engagement is announced between James MacGregor, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Sandison, of Kiermuir, Angus, and Lesley Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Finlayson, of Edinburgh.

Mr R.R.N. Yeoward and Miss M.S. Dodd
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Yeoward, of Whitcomb, Kent, and the late Mrs Richard Yeoward, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Moreton Dodd, of Ruthin, North Wales.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Fulton, pioneer of the steamboat, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1765; Sir Charles Lyell, geologist, Kinnordy, Tayside, 1797; John Curwen, music teacher, the founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Heckmadow, York, 1816; Claude Monet, painter, Paris, 1840; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first prime minister of India, 1889-64; Al-Lahabad, 1889; Sir Frederick Banting, physician, Nobel laureate, 1891-1923; Allison, Ontario, 1891.

DEATHS: Thomas (Oat) Parr (born 1837), London, 1635; Nell Gwyn, actress, mistress of Charles II, London, 1687; Gottfried Leibniz, philosopher, Hannover, 1716; Georg Wilhelm Hegel, philosopher, Berlin, 1831; John Abercrombie, physician, Edinburgh, 1844; Frederick Siegh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, field-marshal, Saint-Omer, France, 1914; Hector Munro (Saki), writer, killed in action, France, 1916; Manuel de Falla, composer, Alta Gracia, Argentina, 1946; May Sinclair, novelist, 1946; Mrs Belle Lowndes, novelist, Eversley Cross, Hampshire, 1947.

BIRTHDAYS today
Sir Lawrie Barratt, life president, Barratt Developments, 63; Mr Aaron Copland, composer, 90; Mr Quentin Crew, writer, 64; Mr Eric Crozier, writer and theatrical producer, 70; Dame Elisabeth Fry, sculptor, 60; Mr Peter Katia, concert pianist, 60; Mr Harold Larwood, cricketer, 86; Sir Joseph Lockwood, former chairman, EMI, 86; Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 83; Sir Dudley Smith, MP, 64; Sir Arthur Watts, QC, 59; Mr Paul Williams, former MP, 68.

Service dinner
14th/20th King's Hussars Majors General Sir Michael Palmer, Colonel of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD LEWIS

Richard Lewis, CBE, British tenor, died yesterday aged 76. He was born on May 10, 1914.



RICHARD Lewis was one of the most distinguished British tenors of the second half of this century. He could have remained a singer in the Walter Widdop mould, specialising in oratorio and English music. He could have stayed a Mozart tenor - he was outstanding both as Ottavio and Idomeneo. But instead he chose to make his repertoire infinitely wide, ranging from Monteverdi through to a great deal of 20th century opera. He was throughout his life a great exponent of his contemporaries such as Britten and Tippett.

He appeared as Troilus in the world premiere of Walton's *Troilus and Cressida* as well as taking leading roles in the first performances of *The Midsummer Marriage* and *King Priam* by Tippett. Another notable Lewis British premiere was his *Moses* in the first UK performances of Schoenberg's *Moses and Aaron* at Covent Garden, directed by Peter Hall. When he was almost 60 Lewis branched out and gathered musicians of the stature of William Bennett and Neil Black to form the Richard Lewis Bach Ensemble.

Richard Lewis was born in Manchester. There, and later in London, he studied music. He remembered training himself to master complex rhythms by walking over the irregularly set "syncretic flagstones" of Manchester pavements without treading on a line.

The second world war came at precisely the wrong time for his career. When it broke out he had just made his operatic debut with the Carl Rosa company. Lewis spoke with little affection of his wartime days spent with Royal Corps of Signals, or indeed of his pre-war period in a humdrum office job. Throughout that

time he had studied music and when he got his release papers he determined to make the most of a world very short of tenors. The first real break came from Glyndebourne.

Rudolf Bing, then the general administrator, had a letter from a contact in Brussels, where Lewis had been stationed, recommending an "English tenor who looks wonderful...and has an absolute mastery of Mozart's style". In 1947 Lewis made his Glyndebourne debut as the Male Chorus in Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* and the next year he appeared with the company at the Edinburgh Festival as Don Ottavio in *Don Giovanni*. The Mozart tenor had arrived.

Glyndebourne was always the house with which he was most closely associated, and he appeared there season after season right up until the *Idomeneo* of 1974 when he was 60. His elegant good manners on stage and his unquestioned musicianship fitted in well with the Glyndebourne ambience, especially in Mozart, although he did make excursions into heavier roles such as Bacchus and Florestan.

At Covent Garden he was always likely to be heard in contemporary opera. He made his debut in 1947 - not 1948 as sometimes stated - when he replaced Peter Pears for a single performance in the title role of *Peter Grimes*. He was back as Grimes the next season. Probably his outstanding interpretation at the Garden came the following

season as the troubled Captain Vere in Britten's *Billy Budd*. It was a part he was to sing all over the world and it says much for Lewis's stamina that he was able to take it over at short notice in 1979 at Covent Garden when the scheduled tenor was ill. He was then 65.

On record Lewis was always happiest with British music. Under Sir John Barbirolli he appeared in a distinguished performance of Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*, alongside Dame Janet Baker. *The Times* previously saw his Gerontius as continuing a notable line which included Gervase Elwes and said: "He has sufficient dramatic experience to know how the timing of a consonant, the rolling of a word upon the tongue, can make a vocal line instruct with persuasive meaning." With Sir Malcolm Sargent he sang in Gilbert and Sullivan sets, which are among the best available, and was a particularly winning Marco in *The Gondoliers*. Tippett's *A Child of Our Time* was among his recordings of 20th century music. He was heard in Beethoven and Mozart, but excursions into opera were infrequent despite a brief appearance as the Steuermann in an almost forgotten set of Wagner's *Der fliegende Holländer* under Dorati.

His American career was substantial, with regular seasons at the San Francisco Opera as well as a great number of appearances in the concert hall. Lewis had a reputation as one of the few international tenors who was able to tackle contemporary pieces. But in 1971 he declared that he had had enough of America and travelling and claimed that he would spend "the last third" of his career in England. And there he was, on hand, for Captain Vere eight years later.

He leaves his widow and two sons, one from an earlier marriage.

ERICH HELLER

Erich Heller, critic of modern German literature and thought, died in Evanston near Chicago on November 5, aged 79. He was born on March 27, 1911.

ERICH Heller was born in the then German-speaking north of Bohemia and studied law at the German University of Prague. During this time he was active in the Social Democratic party and in its opposition to the Sudeten German nationalists. Some months after the German occupation of Prague in March 1939 he was helped by British Quakers to escape, sailed on one of the last boats to leave the Polish port of Gdynia, and arrived at Tower Bridge on August 26, 1939. He spent the first months of the war in a hostel for refugees in Epping Forest. A wonderful raconteur of ironic anecdotes, Heller delighted in describing the disbelieving reactions of the communists among his fellow-exiles on hearing the first news of the German-Russian friendship pact.

His career as a university teacher began in wartime Cambridge, where he taught German for the London School of Economics (then evacuated to Cambridge) and for Peterhouse. His university lectures on German literature in the twentieth century were among the first of their kind in the country. In 1948 he was appointed head of the German department at University College, Swansea, and two years later became its first professor of German. He relinquished this post in 1960 on moving to Northwestern University at Evanston, where eventually he held a "distinguished professorship in the humanities". He never renounced his British nationality, which he had acquired after the war.

During his Cambridge days Heller contributed a number of essays to Michael Oakeshott's *Cambridge Journal*, and these he collected in *The Disinherited Mind* (1952), a book that has seen many editions and on which his reputation as a critic is

founded. Among Heller's writings are *The Irony of German: A Study of Thomas Mann* (1958), *The Artist's Journey into the Interior* (1965), the *Modern Masters* volume on Kafka (1974), and more recently his collections of essays *In the Age of Prose* (1984) and *The Importance of Nietzsche* (1988). All these books were also published in German in his own translations and adaptations.

Heller was a critic in Eliot's mould (their exchange of views is recorded in *The Disinherited Mind*). Averse to all technical jargon, he was intent on presenting poetic form as both an individual and a collective cultural achievement. Culture, he argued, is the agreement to ask certain fundamental questions and to take the answers to other such questions for granted; whereas German literature as he saw it was the first literature to break this unspoken, unrecorded agreement. In some of Heller's finest essays Goethe figures as the conservative genius at the

beginning of this process. The loss of traditional values this "disinheritance" brought with it Heller saw among the preconditions of the barbarism of recent German history, yet he also acknowledged it as the source of great artistic interest and originality. If in the English-speaking world twentieth-century German literature is appreciated as an integral part of the modernist movement, then it is to Heller that credit for this achievement is largely due.

A large number of students in England, the United States and Germany bear witness to Heller's devotion as a teacher and lecturer, but it was through his essays and books that he reached a wider public, and such was his felicity of style that less than 10 years after beginning to write in English, he found passages from his essay on Karl Kraus quoted at length by Hugh MacDiarmid. To say that poet and critic did not share the same political views would be an understatement.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a service in Coventry Cathedral at 12.30 to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing raid on the town.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, will attend a council meeting at 35 Belgrave Square at 10.45.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Queen's Nursing Institute, will attend the annual meeting at 3 Alconbury Way, Clerkenwell, at 2.20.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, will open the new premises in Whitecross Street, EC1, at 11.05; and open the new Epson and Ewell Community Hospital in Epson at 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will visit the Christmas market at the Royal Horticultural Halls at 3.00.

Lecture

Royal Fine Art Commission
Mr Chris Paton, Secretary of State for the Environment, gave a lecture, "The Role of Government, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of both Houses of Parliament, officials and local government representatives, as well as architects and developers."

NSPCC

Miss Jean Rook will open the NSPCC Christmas Bazaar at the Park Lane Hotel on Monday, November 19. It will be open from 11 am to 5 pm.

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, presided at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Tadeusz Syryczak, Polish Minister for Industry.

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Church news

New Bishop of Barking

The Ven Roger Frederick Sainsbury, Archdeacon of West Ham, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Barking, diocese of Chelmsford, in succession to the Right Rev J. W. Rastbury, who resigned last month.

The archdeacon has spent 30 years in urban ministry, serving in east London, Epsom and Walsall, in the West Midlands.

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EVE ARDEN

Eve Arden, film and television actress, died on November 12. She was probably 82; her family said she was born on April 30, 1908, though several reference books give her year of birth as 1912.

A SARDONIC comedienne of many early films, Eve Arden later became immensely successful in the American television series *Our Miss Brooks*. Last seen on the screen in *Grease II* in 1981 and as the Duchess in *Under the Rainbow* in 1982, she was born Eunice Quendens in Mill Valley, California. She established an early reputation as a long-legged caustic comic in films of the late 1920s and early 1930s. But she became a television favourite as Connie Brooks, the always joking English teacher in mid-America's Madison High, where she constantly engaged in hilarious battles with her stuffy headmaster.

She was offered the role of the classroom humanist with the smart mouth and warm heart after being heard as radio's Miss Brooks for four years. On radio, she had developed a following of hundreds of teachers across America and had even been offered teaching jobs in real schools. Miss Arden (making \$200,000 a year at that time) did not accept, but she did begin speaking at parent-teacher association meetings. After the television show, for which she won a 1953 Emmy award as best actress in a regular series, went off the air, she appeared briefly in her own *The Eve Arden Show*, and then teamed with Kaye Ballard in the series *The Mothers-in-Law*, which ran from 1967 to 1969.

She was first attracted to the theatre when called on to recite in a school production. "From then on," she recalled, "you couldn't keep me out of the school plays, the song and dance acts and anything else." She worked in repertory theatre in San Francisco, dabbling in provincial productions, and landed her first big role in films in 1929 in *Song of Love*. She was seen at the Pasadena Community Playhouse in suburban Los Angeles and at the El Capitan Theatre in the city in the review *Lo And Behold*, which also starred a young Tyrone Power. Producer Lee Schaubert saw her there and offered a role in the *Ziegfeld Follies* in New York in 1934. About that time she reportedly changed

her name after looking over some cosmetics and spotting the names "Eve Arden" and "Elizabeth Arden". As Eve Arden she was seen in films as the best friend or big sister of the female lead, offering wisecracks in a deadpan, throwaway manner that ultimately became her public persona and in which manner she was always expected to perform by her audience in her stage and screen appearances. Those closest to her, however, knew her as a warm friend and devoted wife and mother.

In 1945, she was nominated for an Academy Award for supporting actress in the Joan Crawford vehicle *Mildred Pierce*. She uttered one of the most biting lines in film history when she offered this assessment of Miss Crawford's vitriolic and ungrateful daughter: "Vida's convinced me that alligators have the right idea. They eat their young."

She appeared in more than 75 films, which she normally refused to see because she said she found them disappointing. They included *Stage Door*, *The Women*, *Ziegfeld Girl*, *Cover Girl*, *Night and Day*, *Voice of the Turtle*, *Dark of the Moon*, *The Top of the Stairs*. In later years, she made appearances in Steven Spielberg's TV series, *Amazing Stories* and other television shows on cable. She never regretted, she said in a 1970 interview, not having been a raving beauty. "I've worked with a lot of great, glamorous girls in the theatre. They would always give their last ounce to get where they wanted to be. And I'll admit I've often thought it would be wonderful to be a femme fatale; but then I'd always come back to thinking that if they only had what I've had - a family, real love, an anchor - they would have been so much happier during all the hours when the marquee and the footlights are dark."

In fact, Miss Arden was being far too modest. As anyone who was fortunate enough to see her earlier films could testify, she was obviously a very attractive woman in her own right, and it just so happened she got the reputation of being clever and amusing with her lines and her career evolved the way it did.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons. Her husband, actor Brooks West, died in 1984.

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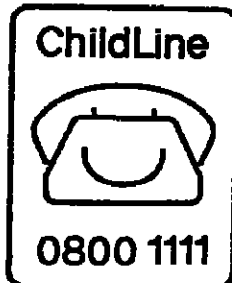
Christening

The infant daughter of Major and Mrs D.H. Parquharson was christened Sophie Henrietta Jane at St Mary's, Little Driffield, on Sunday, November 11. The Rev Mark Simon officiated and the godparents are Mr Gordon Dickie, Mr Hugh Tunnell, Mrs Simon Robertson-Macleod, Mrs Andrew Phillips and Miss Sara Gray.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Ross to be Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1991. The Hon Sir Adam Butler to be chairman of the Airey Neave Trust. Mr Robert Ricks to be Legal Adviser to the Department of Education and Science.

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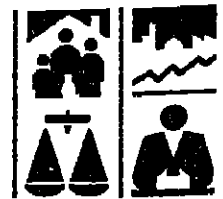
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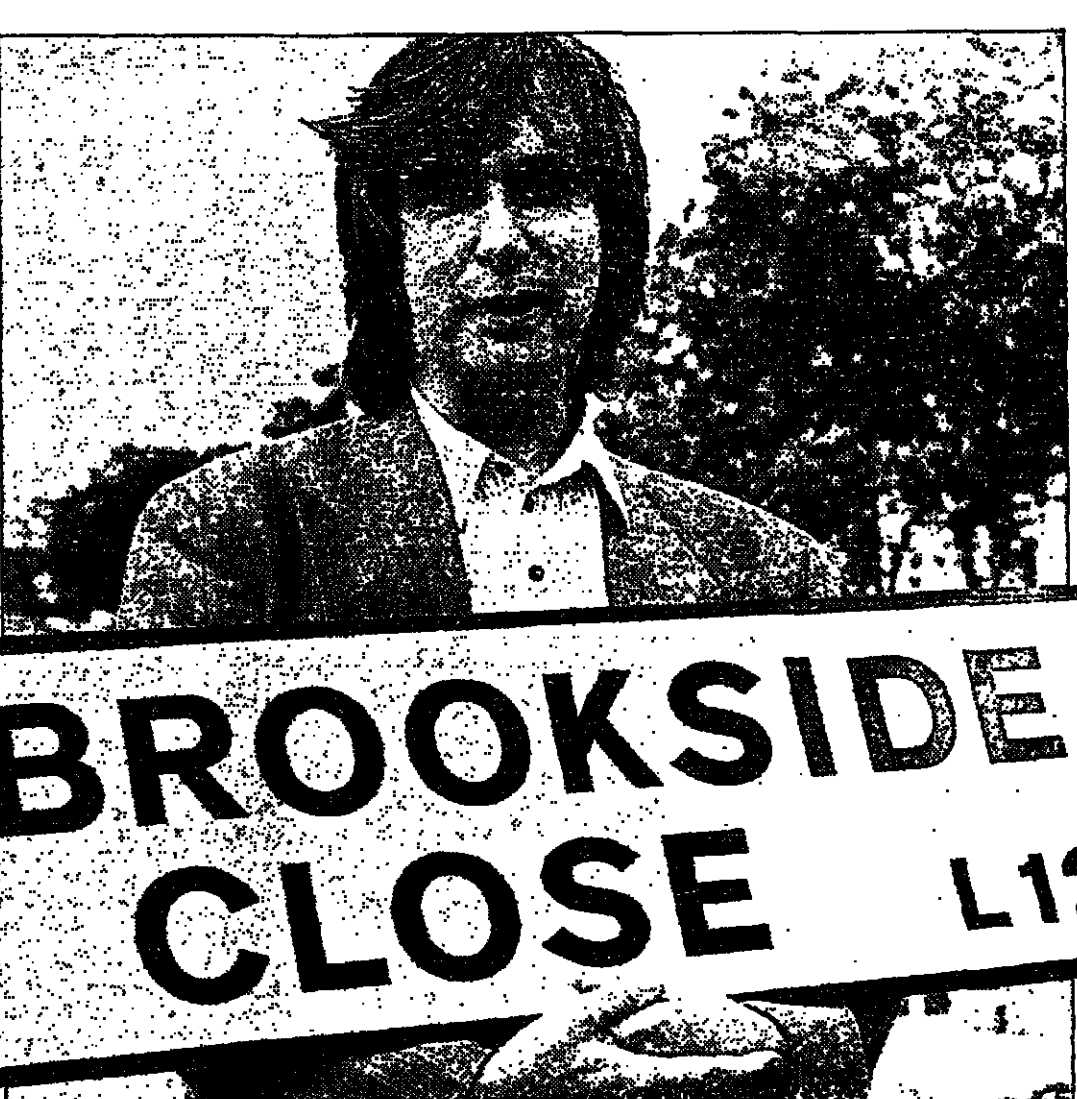
Will Liverpool have a media centre in a Methodist hall? Rosie Millard reports

Although the media press continues to warn of redundancies, mergers and recession, in Liverpool the air is full of promise as Phil Redmond, the chairman of Mersey TV, pulls the wraps off his latest project, the Merseyside Media Centre.

The centre, due to open next summer, will be dedicated to "the understanding, study and development of communicative skills, crafts, and performing arts in TV, film, radio, stage, and publishing". Mr Redmond, underpinned by falling ratings for Brookside and a lukewarm reception for Mersey TV's *Waterfront Beat*, is hoping to raise £10 million.

The question of exactly where the centre will be has been more fiercely debated in the city than the appointment of Everton's new manager, Howard Kendall. Suggestions by everyone from artists and taxi drivers have included a platform floating on the Mersey (the most unlikely) to the Methodist Central Hall in the heart of Liverpool (the most likely).

The Central Hall would be an appropriate choice. Art nouveau redbrick, embellished by Liver birds, turrets and balconies, it was an ideal place from which to proclaim the word across Merseyside a hundred years ago. The building is now a faded wonder, home to faith healers and herbal-



Close lipped: Phil Redmond refuses to link the media centre with any ambitions for Channel 5

linked to the national curriculum by a media studies course. Liverpool's polytechnic and university, and, through its courses, to the national arts centres. Above all, he plans a practical approach. "I want to get rid of the magic and mystery surrounding the media, and bring a business ethic to Scousers," he says.

Although the centre does not yet have a building, it exists as a business, and Mr Redmond has an impressive list of programme controllers, newspaper editors and commissioners, invited to Liverpool this autumn. Many of these, he feels, are people who persist in taking the view that the business "operates within a half-mile radius of Charing Cross". He has a point: there was a recent case of a journalist from one of the "quality" papers, who thought the Liver Building, spotted on a live show, was a painted backdrop in a studio in west London.

The ambitions are admirable, but rumours abound, thanks to Mr Redmond's well-publicised desire to win the franchise for Channel 5. Does Mr Redmond, like the Sheffield contingent whose Audio-Visual Enterprise Centre is at the forefront of another bid for Channel 5, feel that the presence of a media centre might sweeten the idea of Liverpool as potential channel-house? Are the list of big guns talking this month (Checkland, Putnam, Grade, to name but a

Wrong ban by judge

JUDGE Michael Mander was wrong to ban the BBC, Central Television and Signal Radio (a Staffordshire station) from broadcasting reports of a fraud and corruption trial, the Court of Appeal has ruled. Chief Justice Lord Lane said the ban, under the 1981 Contempt of Court Act, was unnecessary and "unfairly discriminated" between broadcast media and the press. Bans may be issued only when there is a "substantial risk" of prejudice to justice. Judge Mander said that although reports were "unlikely" to prejudice the trial, it would be an imposition on the jury if they were not able to relax and watch television or radio. The Court of Appeal said he failed to take proper account of freedom of expression and the open administration of justice.

Moscow writes

A UNIQUE glimpse of Soviet life is to be offered through the letters of thousands of citizens to the independent weekly *Argumenty i Fakty*, the biggest-selling newspaper in the world, with more than 34 million subscribers. The letters will be published next March by Michael Joseph in a book titled *Letters To Gorbachev: Life in Russia through the Postbag of Argumenty i Fakty*. Vladimir Starikov, *Argumenty i Fakty's* editor-in-chief, says: "We get between 5,000 and 7,000 letters a day from all over the country - from godforsaken villages in Siberia and buildings at the walls of the Kremlin."

A fine mess?

BBC Select, the new all-night specialist pay-television service on BBC1 and BBC2, might be regulated by the Independent Television Commission (ITC) if it transmits on cable television when it launches next September. BBC Select will be broadcast in encrypted form through the night and be recorded automatically on the VCRs of subscribers who pay for a decoder. As most of its educational, leisure and community services output is to be made by independent producers, the ITC is likely to be empowered to regulate programmes aired by cable operators. "The prospect of the ITC being able to fine the BBC is interesting," says a spokesman for the Cable Authority, which becomes part of the ITC in January.

NICOLA MURPHY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

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A misleading Andrex campaign has focused attention on 'green' advertising on television

citizens, still concerned about the environment. A voice-over said that company forestry policies "are helping to counter the greenhouse effect". Friends of the Earth reached for the telephone.

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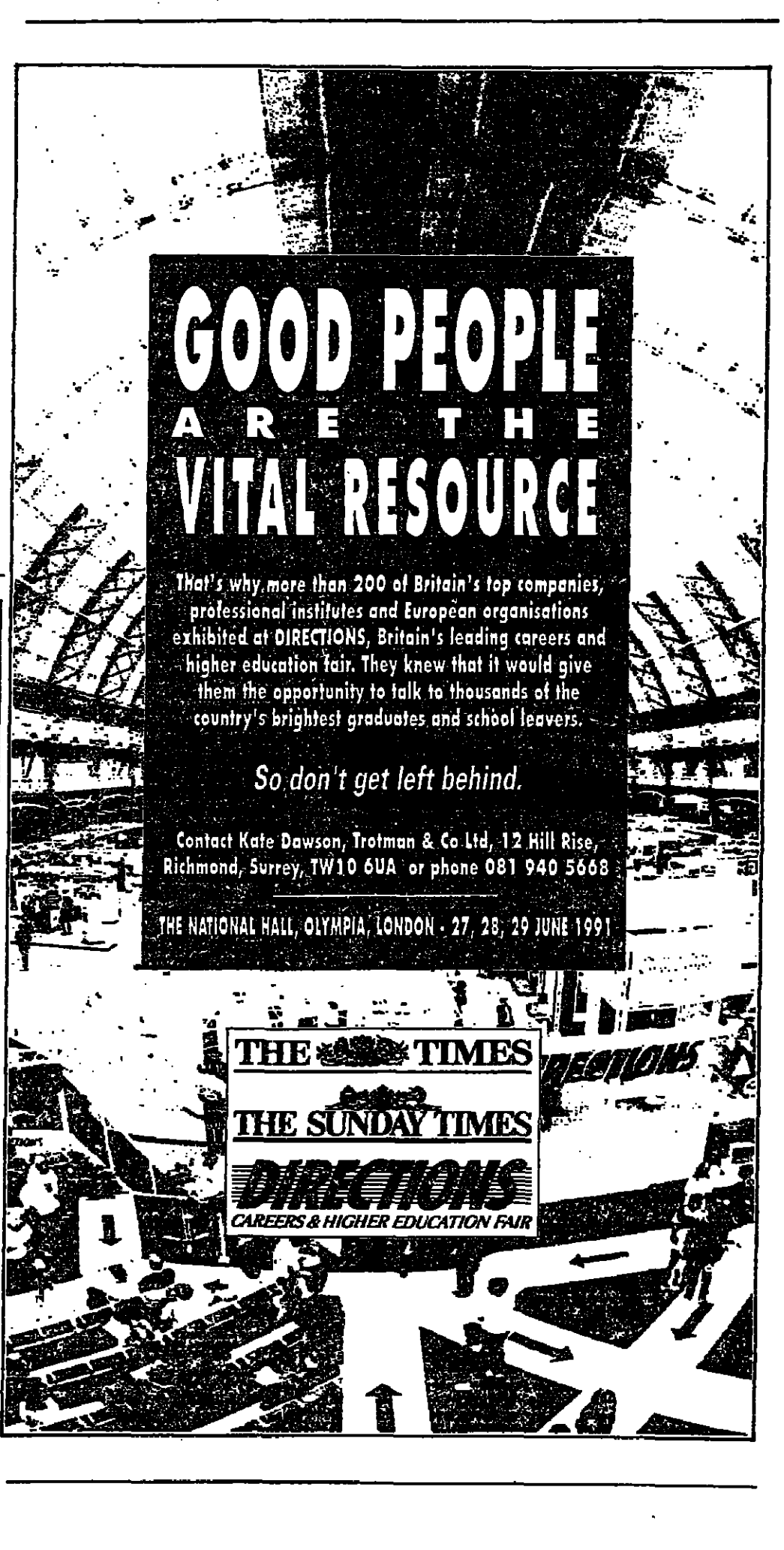
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A case of man v. wife

Is it time to change the law and force one spouse to testify against the other in a criminal case?

Heather Kirby reports

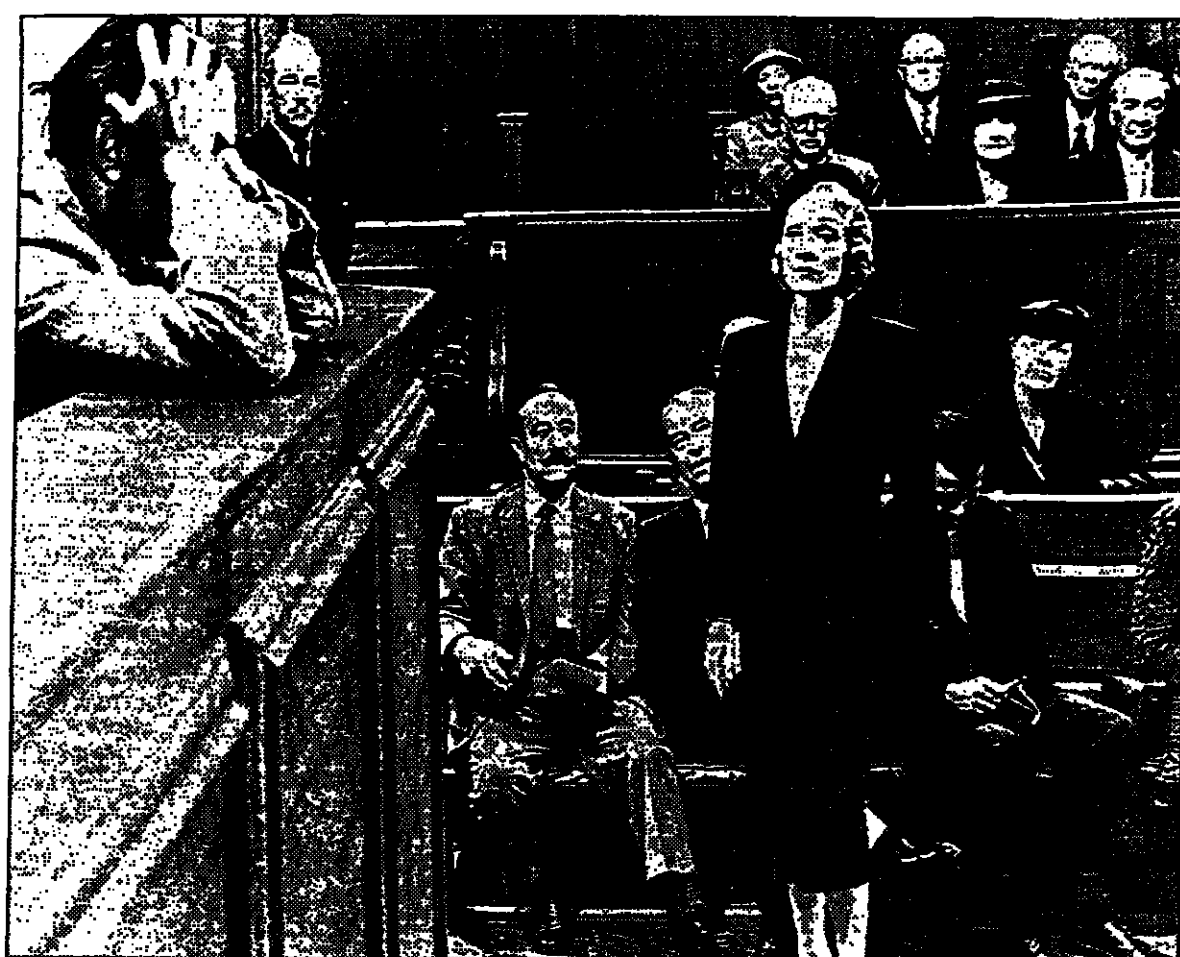
When Jacqui Marsh, the wife of the boxer Terry, exercised her right not to give evidence for the prosecution during the trial in which he was acquitted of attempting to murder his former manager, Frank Warren, she was acting under a law which regards what is said between husband and wife as sacrosanct. The law is based on the belief that so much human happiness is invested in marriage that its inviolability has to be protected. The harm that could be caused by forcing a husband or wife to give evidence against the other is deemed to outweigh all other considerations.

One consequence of protecting the secrets of the bedroom was a stand-off approach to marital rape. What went on between a husband and wife was something private, in which the state should not interfere. Now that privacy is to be invaded.

Last week the Law Commission issued a working paper called "Rape Within Marriage", in which it provisionally recommends that marital immunity should be abolished. The 140-page, green-bound paper has been sent to several hundred organisations, ranging from groups of housewives to law schools and equal opportunities organisations. Groups thought likely to make a positive contribution to the debate get a free copy; others can buy it from Stationery Office bookshops. Alan Cope, speaking for the Law Commission, says that although the booklet was written by lawyers, they have tried to avoid legal jargon so that the general public will understand it and respond. A factual account by a wife who has been raped by her husband, and a description of how she felt about it, would provide, he says, valuable first-hand evidence. The deadline for contributions is next March, and he anticipates the commission will not be able to get a report out before the end of next year. Government legislation making rape within marriage a crime is unlikely, if it comes at all, before 1992.

Ruth Hall of Women Against Rape, a national organisation which has been lobbying since 1977 to make marital rape a crime, says she is "delighted" with the commission's approach. "They have mentioned many times the absolutely crucial question of a woman's financial dependence on her husband," she says. "In 1985 we conducted a survey called Ask Any Woman, and discovered that one in seven married women claimed they had been raped by their husbands, and 79 per cent said they were prevented from leaving by lack of money and housing. It is the most common form of rape. There is no excuse for delaying legislation."

The Law Commission agrees that it cannot be presumed that rape is less damaging inside than outside marriage, and Denise Kingsmill, a civil lawyer who specialises in sexual harassment cases and who has successfully prosecuted rapists for damages, believes it may be much worse. "A woman suffers an immense sense of betrayal and great confusion when she is raped by her husband," she says. "If she is raped by a stranger leaping out of the dark there is no confusion about her feelings, but to be treated in a vicious and cruel way by a man she once cared for may cause



Her word against his: Marlene Dietrich gives evidence against her "husband" in *Witness for the Prosecution*

more psychological injury. Hate can be a healthy emotion in such circumstances, but a wife may not even be able to hate her husband.

Mrs Kingsmill acknowledges it would be difficult to prosecute a marital rape in many circumstances, since forensic details would be irrelevant and there may not be any physical evidence that consent to intercourse was not given. In her experience, however, it is usually accompanied by something irrefutable, such as a broken jaw.

The question of whether a wife should be compelled to give evidence against her husband, even if she does not want to, is also debatable. Robert Roscoe, a spokesman for the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, says: "It works both ways, for the prosecution or defence. You may have a client who is accused of burglary, who claims he was at home playing cards with his wife at the time the crime was committed, but he doesn't want his wife to be called. There is a general view among people that even if you did call a wife or

husband, lover or close relation, in the words of Mandy Rice Davies, well they would say that, wouldn't they? They are perceived as not being the most reliable witnesses."

The clause which means a husband or wife cannot be compelled to testify against the other does not apply where matrimonial violence is involved. If, for example, a wife is assaulted by her husband, she could be a crucial witness and might be compelled to give evidence against him in a subsequent court case.

The Law Commission says in *Rape Within Marriage*: "We would... welcome comment on whether it should be made explicit that in a charge of rape the wife can be compelled to give evidence for the prosecution, a matter that is not wholly clear in the present law; or alternatively whether she should be able to refuse to give evidence. In our view, the general policy that led to the wife being compellable in cases of violence against her should apply in the case of rape. In particular, we think that it is a protection of the wife

against some of the pressures that may apply in any case involving intimates, whether married or not, that at the end of the day she has in law no choice as to whether or not to testify."

John Clitheroe, a senior criminal law partner at Kingsley Napley, says: "The indivisibility of husband and wife underpins our marriage laws. They are regarded as one, but that indivisibility is shattered by cruel treatment. Even if couples are separated, a wife or husband cannot be compelled to give evidence against his or her partner on the grounds that it might affect a reconciliation. Our common law rule is heavily in favour of the preservation of marriage. I suspect that a wife would be reluctant to bring a charge of rape against her husband unless it was accompanied by real brutality, because daughters have been, until very recent times, conditioned to believe the man is entitled to have his way."

● Rape Within Marriage costs £5.50 from Stationery Office bookshops or from the Law Commission, 37 John Street, Theobalds Road, WC1N 2BQ.

ADULTERERS IN THE DOCK

IN NATHANIEL Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, the young adulteress Hester Prynne is sentenced to wear a scarlet A as a token of her sin. First published in 1850, the novel is now taught in American high schools as a classic study of bygone American puritanism.

The classes could now be supplemented by newspaper accounts of present-day adultery prosecutions, a new phenomenon in modern America as puritanism reasserts itself. In several recent cases, spurned husbands — and one wife — have used archaic laws to prosecute their partners for adultery. The first of these latter-day morality tales involved Donna Carroll, aged 28, the wife of a lorry driver from Wisconsin who became too friendly with another driver.

After suing for divorce, her husband, Robert, invoked a moribund state law imposing a maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 (£5,000) fine for adultery. Mrs Carroll, who denied she had betrayed her husband, elected to avoid a trial by agreeing to perform 40 hours' community service and attending two months of classes on how to be a successful parent to her son.

Soon there were copy-cat prosecutions, particularly in suburban Connecticut, where enthusiastic prosecutors have lodged four complaints since summer. In June, a local dignitary who returned home to find his wife in bed with another man sought redress through criminal law. Within weeks, a betrayed Connecticut woman organised

the arrest of both her husband and his mistress. A young bride was arrested for a separate infidelity.

The spate of cases has forced American constitutional lawyers to debate the so-called "right to sexual privacy". The Supreme Court recently ruled that the right did not extend to homosexuals who wanted to be protected from Georgia's ban on sodomy. But now it seems that heterosexuals' rights might be similarly limited by marriage.

MARRIAGE laws in the United States vary from state to state, but are generally more liberal than those in Britain. Only one state, Illinois, refuses to recognise rape within marriage, and frequently spouses are granted immunity from having to testify against their partners in criminal proceedings. But civil rights lawyers argue that the old adultery laws should be declared unconstitutional. And in both Wisconsin and Connecticut, state legislators are considering their repeal.

Nevertheless, there remains a bedrock of support. "This is clearly a much more religious country than Britain, so there may be much more support for adultery prosecution," says Alison Wetherfield, a legal expert at the National Organisation for Women's Legal Defence and Education Fund. "It is probably causing a lot of people in Connecticut to think twice before they book motel rooms."

JAMES BONE

Who went to Russia with Reagan's love?

How childhood fairy-tales led

Suzanne Massie to be a White House Kremlinologist



Turn: Suzanne Massie

Mrs Massie's visa was revoked. In the 11 years she was exiled, as she puts it, she wrote another book on Russia and gave lectures on Soviet art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She still had many friends in the Soviet Union, and was increasingly consulted by the American military. "They thought culture was important, because culture is what people fight for."

After enlisting the help of various senators, and signing a copy of one of her books for Yuri Andropov, she returned to Russia. The Russian airliner had just been shot down, Andropov was dying, and talks between the US and the Soviet Union had foundered. "I went to the USA Institute [the top place for American strategic studies] to thank them for the help they had given me to get my visa back, and was talking about cultural agreements, when someone really very senior there said

"She has divided her allegiance between the great powers for the best part of her life. Now in her sixties, she lectures at Harvard, and is the first westerner to buy a private apartment in Leningrad. How has this grandmother — who only learnt Russian in her thirties — managed to be both adviser to a president and so at home in the Soviet Union?"

The starting point was her Swiss mother, who visited Russia as a child to convalesce with family friends. But this was the summer of 1914: war and then revolution trapped her for six years, until she escaped. "Your first fairy-tales are so important," Mrs Massie says, "mine were all Russian."

Her parents moved to America, and Mrs Massie studied English literature, history and French at Vassar and the Sorbonne. She got a job with Time-Life as a researcher and married the writer Robert K. Massie.

Mr Massie was writing a book about Nicholas and Alexandra, and the couple borrowed on their life insurance to visit Leningrad. Mrs Massie determined to write a book about the young poets she met there; by now fluent in Russian, she visited twice a year for several years until, in 1972, *The Living Mirror* was published. But the atmosphere was changing. Leonid Brezhnev was battering down the hatches, and

with eyes blazing. "You don't know how close we are to war..."

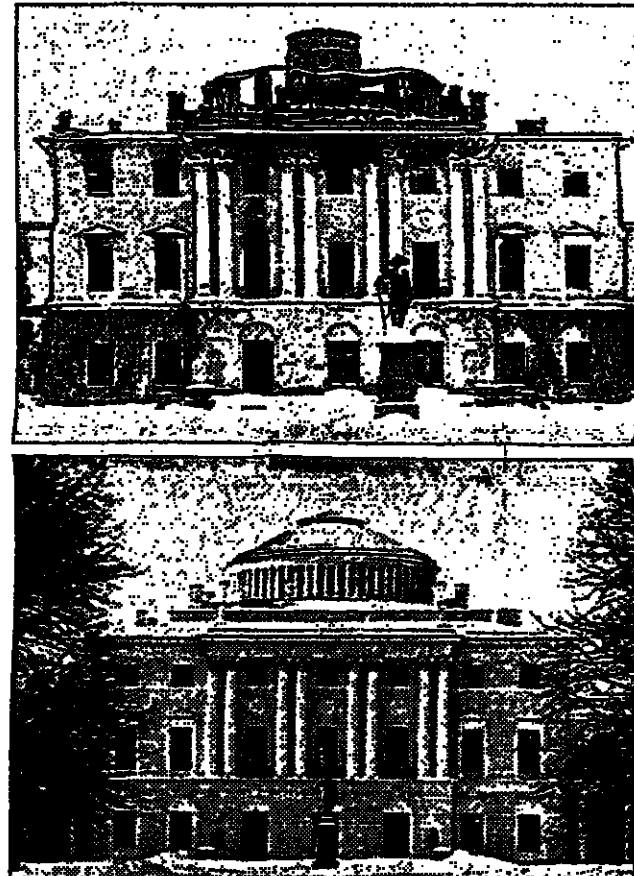
Deciding this was "something more than their usual truculence", Mrs Massie determined to try to meet President Reagan and plead for the resumption of dialogue. She was given a 20-minute meeting with one of the president's national security advisers, then asked back for two hours. "I suggested that since the only opening might be a cultural agreement, they should send me." At Christmas she got the call to go, but insisted on seeing the president first. "I explained that the Russians are very personal, and all the presidents' men don't add up to the president. On January 17, 1984, I was ushered in and spoke to him for 45 minutes."

Mrs Massie continued to see him over the next four years, giving him "the proverb he lived so much — trust but verify". She considers Mr Reagan a man "who understood himself and his limitations, and was comfortable with them. He had his ego firmly in place." She has no dealings with the current administration.

Now separated from her husband, Mrs Massie is contemplating writing again. "I've always hated kiss-and-tell journalism. Only now Reagan has gone do I think the time might be right to write down this bit of history."

Her discretion paid dividends: she was able to stroll into high-level White House meetings many times, unnoticed by reporters. "As a woman you can walk past all these people and they don't see you," she says, "they assume you are a secretary."

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The guides are the brainchild of Debbie Slyper and Joan Summerfield, two working women who used to produce similar leaflets for people moving home, until that market stagnated. They are planning a number of other "targeted" projects, such as a guide entitled *It's Your Affair*, which is "on arranging weddings and bar-mitzvahs; and aimed at the Jewish community", Ms Slyper says.

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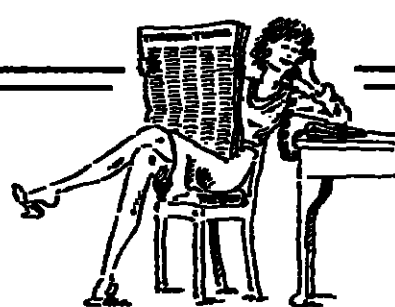
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THEATRE

TO Young Vic

JIM Cartwright's sociological frolic is short on title, short on cast, and, at 80 minutes including interval, short on performing time. It is, however, more generous with its content. The characters, energetically played by Sue Johnston and John McArdle, may come and go, leaving as much impression of depth as toy boats bobbing on a stream, but at least there are 14 in all and at least they are vividly depicted. If Cartwright has not noticeably grown since his *Road* four years ago, he has not lost the exuberance of eye that made that play such an impetuous fun.

There, he crammed onto the stage a cross-section of Lancashire street life as it went about its nightly rounds. Here, the scene has shrunk to an evening in a pub. McArdle's money-hungry landlord and Johnston's cunning landlady bicker about trading small talk with the drinkers and insults with each other. Clearly, something is amiss behind the black plastic of their shabby smart bar. Precisely what we do not learn until the role-swapping has exhausted itself.

Changing hats and dresses, crumpling and uncumpling shoulders and forehead, Johnston plays wives who are variously dominating, abused, shattered and batty, and single women who are best by sexually fickle men. McArdle swaggers about in dark glasses, making passes at passing females, and then reappears in a



Lancasterians vividly depicted: John McArdle and Sue Johnston, who play all the characters in *TO*

flat cap as one of those male shrimps still found on comic postcards in Blackpool. At other times he becomes a somnolent widower, a boy forgotten by his drunk father, a violent husband, and an old chap in a red cardigan, mumbling and chuckling at a wife weirdly obsessed with Elvis Presley.

As the evening busies along, it becomes clear that the pub setting is just an excuse for assembling a representative scatter of Lancashire folk and not looking hard at any of them. If there is unity to the evening, it is to be found in Cartwright's feeling that nature has crept in attaching men to

women and vice versa. The single may be lonely, but the married spend their time bickering, wrangling, or worse.

Andrew Hay's production achieves the odd harsh moment, as when a bullying husband convinces himself that, by visiting the loo, his terrified wife is humiliating him. But the scene is spoiled by exaggeration, and Cartwright's later stabs at seriousness are undone by equally obvious farce. The audience titters at the incongruity of McArdle playing a neglected kid when it should be winning as the kid's neglect. The play's big surprise, a personal loss that has divided landlord and

landlady, comes too late and cursorily for its emotional consequences to have the intended impact.

As in *Road*, Cartwright is at his idiosyncratic best when there is an opportunity for comedy, preferably rough, raucous comedy. Not everyone could bring both plausibility and laughter to the moment when a jitterbugging McArdle tells a pretty stranger: "You're beautiful, you, you're fantastic, you," and Johnston teeters into his path, wailing: "But I'm your bleedin' bird." Cartwright effortlessly does so.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Miss Julie Greenwich

AT THE start of this production a midnight-blue curtain is drawn two-thirds of the way across the stage, focusing attention on the stove and table of the Count's kitchen. Joanne Duvinski's Christine is chopping vegetables and swallowing sips of beer. A greenish light drifts in from a rear window, bringing with it sounds of the distant revels. There is also a skylight cut in the deep ceiling but no kindly light drifts down from above. This may be a Swedish Midsummer Night but Strindberg is in no mood for smiles.

When the curtain opens fully

the rest of the stage is seen to be entirely empty. A blank wall, also midnight blue, slants forward to the previously hidden corner of the stage and somewhere along its length is the garden door, flush with the wall and scarcely visible when shut.

Next door is the way out to freedom, out and away to Lake Como where Miss Julie and Jean, Count's valet, could start a hotel. But it is also the way to the barn where she will take Jean's razor and put an end to her social disgrace. Since this is the particular exit to which everything in Strindberg's play leads, the seemingly blank wall of Tom Cairns's set must represent the barrier to a free life. The door is an illusion. And presumably this is why Cairns, who is also the director, requires Lesley Manville's Julie to

sink to the floor and somehow wriggle underneath the wall: a sort of dying roll.

This odd ending niggles at the memory because it is awkwardly metaphysical. The production up till then relies confidently on physical naturalism and psychological realism, as well as an outspoken new translation by Helen Cooper. The psychology that orders Manville's movements and tone of voice almost always feels right. "She'd make a good wife," she murmurs vaguely, gazing at the dozing Christine and reflecting silently on such a prospect. Her voice is delicate, even wistful, and she allows a telling moment of silence as she recalls her mother's scant regard for her. Briefly, when she burst out with the cry that she can neither go nor stay, we do not feel with her this

absence of choice. There is insufficient terror in the cry. But it is a credible touching interpretation, made the more poignant by her physical frailty.

In Barry Lynd's Jean she has a sturdy partner, though one who could become more slavish when the Count's bell starts ringing. Earlier, Jean has moved more naturally from chair to edge of table, and, after ridding himself of her father's boots, over to where she lies watching him from the ground. Flowing easily and logically, now breaking into a woe of passion that flings the characters across the stage, next becoming them in a temporary peace, the production is an impressive London debut for Cairns. But I do worry about the dying roll.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

The Fall of Lucas Fortune The Place

TO THE sound of dripping water, five characters gather in a bar (planks, corrugated iron, a square pool of water in the middle of the floor) to remember the stranger who came among them as a promised saviour and was finally run out of town.

In a community dominated by river, fish factory and cannery, the mysterious Lucas Fortune, ostensibly an engineer sent to check the blood-poisoned dam, remembers memories, dissolved inhibitions and overcame the town's people's repression. Four punters wonder who and what he was, their reminiscences punctuated by the music by Jocelyn Pook from the Communards lends an unvarying minor-key minimalism to country-and-western plangency. The storytellers occasionally break off to lie fully clothed in the pool, evoking the flood that swept the town, to a haunting melody on the soundtrack, before sloshing their sodden way back to the bar.

Writer Claire MacDonald and director Peter Brooks had a success with *The Sleep* three years ago. Their new 75-minute performance piece, like its remembered protagonist, sets an impressive scene but fails to deliver the goods. We never learn who Lucas Fortune was, though the figure of Lucifer, the bright angel who fell from favour, is often invoked. The characters (and, one suspects, the production team) hedge their bets by comparing him variously to a mad king, a court jester, a devil and the answer to a prayer.

Lucas himself is not much helped in a brief glimpse he seems an amnesiac in a near trance. These people might be figments of his dream, or he of theirs. The town, it is hinted, might be hell. In what is primarily an exercise in atmosphere, Jan Pearson stands out as the woman who briefly loved the stranger. Kelsey Michael's blonde barmaid (named Angel - significant?) vocalises strongly if not always distinctly, uncannily recalling the "chantcoo" of *Bus Stop*. "When you look at it," someone says, "nothing happened." Ah. We needed something to believe in, they say a little later. "That's all." That's all? Now they tell us.

MARTIN HOYLE

Carol Kidd Queen Elizabeth Hall

FOR her first number, Carol Kidd removed her shoes and sang "Georgia on My Mind". There were no showbusiness formalities, no coy mannerisms. This was simply an artist at the peak of her form who was intent on enjoying herself to the full.

Based in Scotland, Kidd has been around a long time without achieving the recognition she deserves. Her time now seems to have come. With a new trio and a new album, *The Night We Called It A Day*, her performances have grown in depth and confidence. All the acclaim for her recent support set for Frank Sinatra in Glasgow was clearly justified.

If the album has a fault, it is that there is too much emphasis on introspective ballads. The more extrovert side of Kidd's nature seldom shines through. In this concert - part of the Ferguson Jazz series - she made ample amends. Though the Queen Elizabeth Hall is an unsympathetic venue for a singer, she imposed her personality from the outset. While her phrasing may owe

something to Sarah Vaughan, her salty sense of humour makes her the jazz world's answer to Tomlinson.

Kidd was assisted by a splendid group featuring the pianist Dave Newton, drummer Allan Canley and bassist Andy Clynder. Newton is another grossly underrated performer. His delicately sculpted arrangements gave Kidd all the space she needed without resorting to cocktail clichés. The two opening instrumentals, including "The Way You Look Tonight", balanced invention with sensitivity.

Many jazz vocalists tend to treat lyrics as a hindrance. Kidd never makes that mistake. On "How Little We Know" or "I Fall in Love Too Easily", every syllable is given full attention. In other words, she tells the story. Her one weakness at the moment is a tendency to linger excessively over the end of phrases, especially on ballads. After almost two hours her voice did begin to show strain in the upper register. But she still had enough strength left at the end for an R'n'B blast-off on "Kansas City".

On this showing, she belongs among the best in the world.

CLIVE DAVIS

NEW RELEASES

♦ **FATUENESS** (16): Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical students probing the boundaries between death and life. An unpleasant task, along with a grizzly stomach-churning, leading any sympathetic characters. Director, Joel Schumacher. (Cinema Channel 071-552 0500) Odessa: Kensington (071-552 0544) Sainsbury Centre (0428 514 088) West End (071-430 5252) Wembley (071-732 3333/3334).

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11.00 **News**, regional news and weather
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12.00 **News**, regional news and weather
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3.50 **Animal Album**. A new series focusing on a different animal every week, beginning with primates 4.05 **Quack Chat Show**. With Keith Harris and O'Neill 4.20 **Fantastic**. The cartoon career of a bonnie baw 4.35 **Heartbeat**. Cartoons are the main theme. With Tony Hart, Margot Wilson and Alison Miller. (Ceebs)
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10.00 **Sportnight**. Football: reports on the games between the Republic of Ireland and England, Scotland away to Bulgaria, Northern Ireland in Austria and Wales in Luxembourg. Boxing: coverage of the European welterweight title fight in Campione, Italy, between the Italian, Kirkland Laing of Britain, and Italy's Patrizio Oliva
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Ferranti order freezes assets

FERRANTI International has obtained an order from a Florida court that prevents James Guerin, the company's former deputy chairman, from selling or mortgaging any of his assets and provides him with a maximum of \$4,000 a month living expenses (Angela Mackay writes).

The order is part of the British electronics and defence group's attempts to regain \$189 million lost in an elaborate fraud, allegedly masterminded by Mr Guerin.

The ruling was made on October 19, but the order was not drawn up and ratified until Friday.

Registration day

Today is the last day for registration at the Electricity Share Information Office for potential investors in the 12 regional electricity distribution companies that want to qualify for the incentives on offer to customers. Registration, which does not bind the investor to apply for the shares, can be done by telephone, on 0272 272272. The price of the issue will be announced on November 21.

ISE lobby

The International Stock Exchange will lobby for the formation of a new European equity market at the meeting of the Federation of EC Stock Exchanges in Dublin this week. The Stock Exchange is looking for support for its scheme to launch a European Wholesale Market.

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Unigate payout

Unigate, the St Ivel food and transport group expects full-year earnings to fall after a drop in pre-tax profit from £44.2 million to £41.4 million in the six months to end-September. The interim dividend is unchanged at 5.7p per share.

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De La Rue up

De La Rue, the banknote printer and maker of payments machines, reported pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September rose from £16.6 million to £28.3 million. The interim dividend is held at 3.25p a share.

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THE POUND

US dollar 1.9635 (+0.0005)
German mark 2.9050 (-0.0013)
Exchange index 93.9 (-0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1593.6 (+3.9)
FT-SE 100 2056.0 (+4.1)
New York Dow Jones 2532.18 (-8.17)
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 23973.67 (+1041.87)
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INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 14%
3-month interbank 13 1/2% to 13 3/4%
3-month sterling bill 13 1/2% to 13 3/4%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bill 7 04/7 03%
30-year bonds 102 1/2% to 102 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London: New York
£: \$1.9635
£: DM2.9050
£: Sfr4.4222
£: FF4.7753
£: Yen254.56
£: Index30.9
ECU 20.76533
£: ECU1.416765
£: SDR1.356791

GOLD

London: 383.20 pm-383.50
close 383.00-383.50 (£194.75-195.25)
New York: 383.70-384.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) ... \$33.15 bbl (\$32.10)
Denotes latest trading prices

TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.50	2.45
Austria S	21.40	20.10
Belgium F	66.75	65.75
Canada \$	2.25	2.20
Denmark Kr	11.63	10.83
Finland Mk	7.36	6.90
France F	10.18	9.58
Germany Dm	3.04	2.85
Greece Dr	318.00	288.00
Hong Kong \$	15.75	14.80
India Rupee	1.135	1.085
Italy Lit	207.50	205.00
Japan Yen	237.50	225.00
Netherlands Gld	3.41	3.21
Norway Kr	11.35	10.75
Portugal Esc	207.00	201.00
Spain Ptas	166.64	160.00
Sweden Kr	10.71	10.21
Switzerland Fr	2.065	2.005
Turkey Lira	50.00	45.00
USA \$	2.065	1.945
Yugoslavia Dnr	27.00	20.00

Notes for local consumption bank only as supplied by Deutsche Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 129.3 (September)

Governor takes lone stand over Euro bank statutes

By ANATOLE KALETSKY
ECONOMICS EDITOR

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, has put himself in a minority of one among European central bankers by entering a "general reserve" against proposed statutes for a European central bank. Although the Governor, who was understood to be acting under specific instructions from the Treasury and Downing Street, signed the proposed statutes for an independent European central bank, he stressed in a strongly worded note of reservation that Britain did not accept the case either for a single European currency or for a European monetary authority.

The Bank of England's reservation,

made yesterday, has effectively put Mr Leigh-Pemberton at loggerheads with all the other European central bankers. While he will continue to press for Britain's alternative plan to create a European Monetary Fund with very narrow responsibilities and no authority over member countries' monetary policies, the 11 other governors are expected to engage in a substantial lobbying campaign with their governments to have the plan for an independent European central bank, or ECB, endorsed at next month's European summit in Rome.

The most influential supporter of the proposed ECB will be Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the German Bundesbank.

Herr Pöhl, who is chairman of the committee of EC central bank governors,

was the main author of the draft statutes adopted at the committee's meeting in Basel yesterday. Ironically, he has been considered one of Britain's main allies in the movement towards Emu.

Some British officials still hope that the tough statutes agreed will act as an impediment to Emu. The draft, which was not published, is understood to include provisions that would completely insulate the ECB from national or even supra-national political control, while giving it sweeping powers over the domestic monetary policies of member countries.

While the ECB's governing council would be appointed by the European Council of Ministers, the members would have long tenures and would not be subject to recall or replacement by national

governments or the European parliament. One of the provisions in the proposed statutes is understood to require national central bank governors appointed to the ECB to be politically independent not only in their European capacities but also in their domestic functions. This would imply constitutional changes in France as well as Britain, since the Bank of France is subordinate to the French Treasury.

The other major political problem will be timing. The Basic statutes are believed to require the transfer of substantial policy responsibilities to the ECB as soon as it is created. Last month's European summit, by contrast, resolved to create a new European central bank in January 1994, but then to allow a transition period of three years or more before it assumed

substantial monetary responsibilities. Herr Pöhl has argued forcefully against such a transition period and yesterday's meeting broadly reflected his views.

"We have reached agreement on practically all the basic principles for a European central bank system," he said at a brief press conference. He added that there were still some matters to be decided but these were only technical. These were understood to include the precise division of responsibilities between the ECB's governing council and its professional executive and also the residual functions, such as financial supervision, which might be left to national central banks.

The next stage in negotiations will be the presentation of the draft statutes to EC finance ministers in Brussels on Monday.

Lilley acts to curtail BT domination

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has published proposals designed to boost competition in every facet of the United Kingdom telecommunications market.

In a consultative document, *Competition and Choice in the 90s*, published yesterday, he indicated the government's intention to clear the way for cable television companies, mobile telephone operators, satellite operators and companies with private telephone networks to provide a full range of telephony services linked into the British Telecom and Mercury networks.

Amending licences to compel "equal access" to the existing wired networks raises the prospect that Britons may eventually be able to select which telephone network they use by dialling two extra digits before the number they are trying to reach.

The proposals would end the duopoly which has existed since Mercury was licensed to compete with British Telecom seven years ago. However, British Telecom would be barred from offering television services for at least seven years, and possibly for ten. Mr Lilley said this "asymmetry" was necessary to allow cable operators to build up local networks in competition with BT.

The document, effectively a cross between a white and a green paper, also rejects BT's plea for a sharp increase in

charges for domestic line rentals. It says BT's commitment, negotiated voluntarily, to increase rentals by no more than the retail price index plus 2 per cent each year should not be reviewed until 1993.

But it accepts BT's case that there may eventually need to be a "social obligation" levy on all companies licensed to provide telephone services to subsidise poor customers who need a telephone for emergencies, but make few calls.

For now, the obligation would continue to fall on BT alone. Mr Lilley told the House of Commons the proposals were designed to "give customers, both businesses and individuals, the widest possible choice of high quality, efficient and innovative services".

The proposals were drawn up by Sir Bryan Carberg, chairman of the Council of Telecommunications. He said the government had accepted all of his suggestions.

Mr Lilley said there would, in future, be a presumption that "applications for licences to run telecommunications systems should be granted unless there were specific reasons to the contrary".

The document invites views about the desirability of forcing network operators to make telephone capacity available for sale to "retailers" who could then offer domestic and business customers a service package. And it seeks suggestions as to how the telepoint mobile phone system could be

adapted to provide the final link between customers and local networks.

British Telecom said it welcomed "the general thrust" of the document. But Malcolm Argent, the group secretary, added: "We also welcome the government's cautious approach to equal access and its recognition that prices should, wherever possible, reflect the cost of providing services."

BT was "disappointed" that it would be barred from providing cable television for at least seven years.

The government's proposals were received more enthusiastically by Mercury. Peter Van Cuylenburg, its chief executive, said: "The proposed opening up of the market is the opportunity Mercury has always wanted. We particularly welcome the government's address to the issue of equal access" (to the existing wired networks).

The Union of Communications Workers condemned the proposals as "pure dogma," which would undermine BT's efforts to become one of the big five players worldwide. Cable television franchises have already been granted for areas encompassing 70 per cent of homes in Britain. Many cable companies are licensed to provide telephone services, but were obliged to link them to BT or Mercury networks. Under the proposals, they will be able to provide a full range of services.

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Limbering up for launch: John Jarvis, formerly chairman and chief executive of Hilton International, is flanking with Sebastian Coe, the athlete, to promote a chain of 40 health parks, called Jarvis Hotels, to be opened at the end of this year. Mr Jarvis bought the hotels, the Embassy Group, from Allied Lyons for £186 million in July

Bass wants to sell a third of its pubs

By MARTIN WALLER

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, has decided to sell or lease at arm's length about 2,680 public houses of its almost 7,400 outlets to comply with the monopolies commission report into the brewing industry.

"Selling is the preferred option, because it's a clean break," said Ben Hanbury, the brewer's director of corporate affairs. He added that Bass has yet to see any sign of the projected downturn in the market for public houses that

some analysts expect as other big brewers are forced to divest.

The number of pubs identified to go in the group's long-awaited restructuring is larger than had been expected. In May, Bass talked in terms of having off about 2,400. But the trade department has taken a hard line on what constitutes a public house and has required Bass to include various hotels, restaurants and other outlets in its calculations.

The monopolies report requires the big brewers to sell half the outlets they own

above a figure of 2,000. Bass is strengthening its fleet of managed houses by transferring about 580 public houses from tenancy to management. It is keeping 1,400 existing tenancies, and the rest will either be sold or leased free of the tie, along with about 150 managed houses that the company no longer wants.

Existing tenants whose public houses are earmarked for disposal will be allowed to lease them only if the public house cannot be sold, although they may be offered an alternative property. Analysts

believe Bass will struggle to sell the public houses, especially once its competitors follow suit. The widespread belief is that Britain is overpubbed, and some outlets will have to close. Mr Hanbury, however, did not think there would have to be closures.

Bass has had approaches from a number of sources for its public houses since the full implications of the monopolies report emerged, but it is only now that the company has identified those public houses that it no longer needs.

September production falls sharply

By OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

BRITAIN'S manufacturing production fell sharply in September, the Central Statistical Office reported, confirming the evidence from industry that business conditions deteriorated suddenly after the summer holidays. In America, the Federal Reserve Board reported a sharp decline in industrial production, adding to fears that Britain and America might lead a recession gradually spreading to the rest of the world.

In Britain, the index of manufacturing production declined by 2.1 per cent in September to 117.5. The index of industrial production fell 0.4 per cent to 108.4.

Government statisticians noted that the three-month averages fell 2 per cent for manufacturing output and 3 per cent for industrial production generally.

Hearing on Asil Nadir adjourned

By ANGELA MACKAY

ASIL Nadir has won a reprieve from his creditors in the bankruptcy courts by promising to make a proposal for "the complete discharge of his liabilities" before December 3.

After a 30-minute private examination yesterday before Registrar G Pimm, Lehman Brothers International and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, which made a joint petition, agreed to the adjournment. Between them, the two broking firms are owed £22.1 million related to purchases of shares in Polly Peck International.

It is believed other personal creditors to Mr Nadir were also present at the hearing. Seventeen lawyers attended the hearing in the Thomas More Building at the High Court, London. Mr Nadir was not present.

Bank of Ireland chief resigns

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of the Bank of Ireland resigned unexpectedly last night as the bank published details of a collapse in profits and large losses in its American and British subsidiaries.

Mark Hely Hutchinson's resignation was accepted by the board "with regret". His place will be filled by David Kennedy, the deputy governor, while the bank seeks a permanent replacement.

The bank's pre-tax profits dropped by 83 per cent in the six months to end-September to £115.8 million (£13.92 million). The fall was caused by a loss of £132 million at First New Hampshire Banks in America, after a profit of £182.2 million in last year's first half. The bank also suffered a £112 million loss in Britain, down from an £129.5

million profit. The Irish bank by contrast had a £115.5 profit fall to £151.2 million.

The interim dividend stays at 4p. The bank said it expected to be able to maintain the payout for the full year.

Warburg declines: A slump in corporate activity and world equity markets after the invasion of Kuwait saw pre-tax profits at SG Warburg Group fall 35 per cent to £66.3 million in the six months to end-September. Mercury Asset Management, the group's 75 per cent-owned fund manager, had an 11 per cent fall in profits to £25.2 million. Warburg and Mercury are holding their interim dividends at 4.5p and 5p, respectively.

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MacGregor rides to the rescue again

By MARTIN BARROW

SIR Ian MacGregor is leading the rescue of HunterPrint, the ailing specialist printing group, pledging £500,000 of his own money to try to ensure its survival.

Sir Ian, aged 78, who was called on by the government to mastermind the turnaround of British Steel and the former National Coal Board, now British Coal, is to become chairman of HunterPrint following a restructuring of the company. He replaces Michael Hunter, who becomes deputy chairman.

A total of £13.6 million is being injected into HunterPrint through a deeply discounted rights issue of 150 million new shares, representing 83.9 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. The shares are being offered at 10p each against yesterday's price of 18p, down 2p.

HunterPrint shares have collapsed from a high of 225p this year amid

persistent speculation about its future. In July, the company surprised the City after reporting an interim pre-tax loss of £6.62 million and passing payment of a dividend. Total debts were estimated at £25 million, with interest payments running at almost £5 million a year. "Substantial" though unspecified losses have been incurred during the second half.

The rights issue has been fully underwritten by Smith New Court Corporate Finance. About 37 per cent of the shares have already been placed firm with institutional and private investors. The balance will be offered to ordinary shareholders on the basis of three new shares for every existing share. Convertible preference shareholders, who are being asked to forgo their entitlement to arrears of dividends, may subscribe for 15 new shares for each £2 nominal of convertible preference shares.

The cash call is also supported by First

City Great Britain, the British investment vehicle of the Belzberg brothers, of Canada, who have agreed to subscribe for a "passive investment" of about 5 per cent of the company. Anthony Caplin, chief executive of First City, and Jonathan Stuart, responsible for corporate finance, will join the new board as chief executive and finance director respectively, investing a total of £300,000 in the company.

Mr Hunter began searching for potential backers for a rescue package in July after Sir Ives Group, a rival printer, acquired a 4.5 per cent shareholding in the firm, fuelling speculation of a takeover. By mid-August, however, Sir Ian's team was in place, preparing the way for the life-saving rights issue. Agreements were secured with two unions, which resulted in the loss of 170 jobs at two plants in Corby, one of which will be closed. Finance and operating leases have been rescheduled.

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Rank sale of casino called off

RANK Organisation's £30 million sale of the Clermont Club, the London casino, to Bally Manufacturing Corporation of America has fallen through. Rank now has no plans to sell the Clermont, Douglas Yates, the commercial director, said.

"Bally didn't wish to complete the deal," he added. The sale was negotiated by Mecca Leisure, now owned by Rank, last January after the Clermont went up for auction the previous October.

Bally is thought to have pulled out because of its mounting financial problems in America which make it unlikely that its banks would have allowed the deal. These problems may also have caused difficulties with the Gaming Board, analysts speculated.

Bally has already put down £3.5 million in "earnest money", a substantial proportion of which Rank can retain as consolation. Mr Yates said the company would sooner have completed the Clermont sale. But it is thought unlikely that Rank would find another buyer at the same price, given the state of the market for leisure assets.

Sedgwick rises

Sedgwick, the insurance broker, edged profits forward by 3 per cent to £82.9 million in the nine months to end-September thanks to a small increase in revenue and tight control of costs. The group's revenue rose 6 per cent to £482 million, and 8 per cent after currency adjustments in the third quarter. Sedgwick does not pay a third-quarter dividend.

Marshall's falls

Pre-tax profits at Marshall's, the bricks to concrete products manufacturer, plunged by 45 per cent to £9.2 million in the six months to end-September despite turnover ahead by 11 per cent to £104.6 million. The interim dividend stays at 1.25p.

Somic in the red

Somic, the Preston paper spinner and weaver, has axed its interim dividend after the group slid into the red following pressure on margins. Somic had a pre-tax loss of £56,000 in the half year to end-September, against profits of £103,000.

Slingsby buys

Slingsby Aviation, a subsidiary of M1 Holdings, is paying £430,000 for a large proportion of the assets, contracts and intellectual property rights of Airship Industries, the aviation company which went into liquidation in September. Westinghouse Electric Corporation has also agreed to buy some assets.

Ambrose ahead

Ambrose Investment Trust reports a 12 per cent advance in the net asset value per income share to 30.93p (27.68p) in the six months to end-September. The net asset value per capital share fell to 553.40p (648.16p). Pre-tax revenue increased from £804,000 to £912,000. The interim dividend is raised to 5.82p (5.28p).

CS bank deal

Credit Suisse, the Swiss bank, has taken majority control of CS First Boston, the American investment bank, as part of a \$650 million equity injection in the troubled firm. CS Holding, Credit Suisse's holding company, said it would add \$300 million in equity in CS First Boston, lifting its shareholding from 44.5 per cent to 60 per cent.

Metro up 36%

Metro Radio Group, the Newcastle USM independent radio stations group which recently won control of Yorkshire Radio Network, had a 36 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £2.19 million in the year to end-September. Turnover grew by 29 per cent to £8.37 million. Final dividend is 3.5p (2.5p), with a total of 5p (3.75p).

Virgin seeks Tokyo flight from BA

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

VIRGIN Atlantic is appealing to the Civil Aviation Authority to order British Airways to drop one of its regular 15 weekly flights to Tokyo and enable Virgin, BA's smaller rival, to increase the number of its own services from four to six a week.

The application, which BA will strongly resist, follows mounting frustration within Virgin that all its attempts to increase its services to Tokyo's Narita airport have been blocked because the Japanese say the airport is full.

After inter-governmental talks this year, it was agreed that British carriers could have four more flights a week to Japan from this winter in addition to

the 17 they operated last summer. Narita said it could take no more because of an agreement with local environmental groups which limits the number of flights allowed at Tokyo's only international airport.

By re-routing one flight, which went via Narita to Seoul in South Korea, BA was able to create the two additional slots for which permission had been granted while Virgin could only protest.

A Virgin official said: "All we want is for BA to re-route one Osaka flight so that it goes direct rather than via Narita and we could then have the two additional services which are so important to us." BA, however, is refusing to do so, claiming that such a substitution of airlines would not be

acceptable to the Japanese and that even if they did drop one service, the slot would be given to a foreign airline, probably from America, and would not be made available to Virgin.

Virgin said: "Slots are like gold dust in Narita. We are being economical with ours by flying direct while BA is being profligate. We have bought two new aircraft which will be ready for use on the route by next summer and need an early decision by the CAA to force BA to make the changes and allow us to operate six times a week. It would not damage them at all and could even reduce their costs."

BA disagrees. A spokesman said: "We have tried all kinds of ways to help Virgin but the Japanese are

adamant that there is no more room at Narita. Narita is constrained purely on environmental grounds and could easily double the number of flights quite safely, but substituting Virgin for us is not the answer and would almost certainly be rejected by the Japanese anyway, leaving us both the loser."

The booming - and hugely profitable - Japanese market is being seriously affected by the lack of airport capacity with millions of Japanese wanting to visit Europe but no flights available to bring them here. Every aircraft is flying virtually full and airlines from both countries have been trying for months to persuade the Japanese to take on the protestors.

Body Shop bucks retail trend to advance 26%

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BODY Shop International, the environmentally friendly toiletries retailer, is continuing to produce earnings and profits growth currently unknown elsewhere in the sector. The group says it is not experiencing the slowdown in sales reported by other retailers and is expecting a strong Christmas.

Pre-tax profits grew 26 per cent to £6.7 million on sales up 39 per cent to £48.1 million in the six months to end-August. Earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 2p and the interim dividend is 0.52p, an increase of 26 per cent.

The group has opened its 500th shop in Düsseldorf and sales from the international division outstripped sales from British stores for the first time.

Like-for-like sales growth in the British stores was 8 per cent with a further 23 per cent coming from the 15 shops opened in the first half. Another 21 British Body Shops should be opened by the year-end in February, taking the total to 175, most of which are franchised.

Overseas, where the business is less mature, like-for-like sales growth was 25 per cent. A further 42 shops were

opened in the first half, taking the total to 360 and pushing sales growth to 62 per cent. The loss in America has fallen from £1 million to £800,000 and the business will be in profit in the second half, the group says.

Gordon Roddick, Body Shop's chairman, says the British shops are continuing to attract new customers, and new products, such as the Mamotote range for mothers-to-be and babies, are also encouraging sales growth.

The group is reviewing its hair care range, much of which has been in the shops for 15 years. The new range will be on sale from the middle of next year.

The recent £29 million rights issue has reduced gearing from 99 per cent to about 10 per cent. The interest charge, which was £1.5 million in the first half, will be almost wiped out as a result.

Mr Roddick says that recent reports on the animal testing of cosmetics have not dented the business. "Anyone who knows us, knows our commitment to not testing on animals," he says.

The shares, which were trading at 322p in January, fell 2p to 151p.

LIG advances 16%

STEPHEN MARKESON



Watching the American debate with interest: LIG's chairman Alan Woltz

ALAN Woltz, chairman and chief executive of London International Group which makes condoms, is watching the debate in New York over the availability of condoms in the city's schools (Gillian Bowditch writes).

He is anticipating the time when vending machines will be a feature of New York high schools.

Recent research shows that two-thirds of American high school pupils and 80 per cent of college students were sexually active but only 32 per cent used condoms, says Mr Woltz. He believes it is possible to project the results on to Britain.

The condom market is

advancing at about 5 per cent a year and LIG's advance in Europe has been particularly strong, helping to boost group pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £18.8 million in the six months to end-September.

Sales rose 7.5 per cent to £186 million and earnings per share rose 13.7 per cent to 9.4p. The interim dividend increased 11 per cent to 3p.

There was a £600,000 extraordinary charge due to the cost of franchising the condom vending machine business.

The surgical glove business, Biogel, continued to grow, with sales up 39 per cent to £11.1 million. Personal health products

contributed £11.1 million at the operating level, an increase of 8.8 per cent.

The results were in line with expectations but moves to try to dispose of its Spanish wholesale photo-processing business, which could lead to an extraordinary second-half debit of £4 million to £8 million before tax relief, surprised the City. The photo-processing division made operating profits of £12.5 million, up 15.7 per cent.

The trading environment in the second half remains tough due to the general economic conditions. But, the group is confident for the full year. The shares rose to 218p.

BT to sell stakes in cable TV

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Telecom has reached agreement to sell its stakes in cable television companies in Swindon, Coventry and Bracknell, almost completing its withdrawal from the cable television arena.

The buyer is CUC Cablevision (UK), part of the Canadian CUC group. The price was not disclosed, but is believed to be several million pounds. BT said the timing of the announcement, on the day the government published its review of the duopoly in wired networks between BT and Mercury, was "coincidental".

BT is in talks to sell its remaining cable television interest, a 45 per cent holding in the franchise for Westminster.

The company, one of the pioneers of cable television in Britain, which has obtained seven franchises since 1984, decided to withdraw earlier this year, saying that the marketing, programming and billing activities of cable television companies bore little relation to its core business.

BT has already sold its cable interests in Aberdeen, Thames Valley and Ulster. However, BT still owns the wires that carry the programmes, because they are integrated with its telephone network. In the latest disposals, BT will construct to carry the programmes to households.

TUC split on pay restraint

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN OFFER by leaders of the Trades Union Congress to undertake a policy of wage restraint has been condemned as "unauthorised, inept and silly" by John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association (EMA).

The TUC last night insisted that the offer, highlighted at the National Economic Development Council on October 31, was intended as the basis for a discussion. "It was a proposal which had been put many times to the NEDC," said a spokesman.

The attack, from the chairman of the TUC's energy committee, is the first serious

sign of a split within the upper reaches of the TUC over the proposal.

A report in *The Times* of November 27 anticipated the offer. It was subsequently put forward in a paper by six TUC leaders, led by Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, to an NEDC meeting chaired by Michael Howard, the employment secretary. It was rejected by the government.

Mr Lyons launched his attack in the latest edition of the EMA journal. The EMA leader criticises both the nature of the offer and the manner in which it was made. He writes: "There is no authority invested in the authors of the paper to make such an offer. No member of the general council (of the TUC),

other than the six representatives on the NEDC, had any knowledge of it in advance of the leak to *The Times*."

He adds: "Trade unions have no more responsibility for curbing inflation than banks, or the exchange markets, or the City, or people who sell their houses for the highest price they can get. It is inept of the TUC to imply that they do."

A TUC spokesman said TUC submissions to the NEDC were aimed to reflect the distilled views of the TUC and its affiliated unions. It was "not a cast-iron statement of TUC policy". Mr Willis has since written to TUC-affiliated unions explaining what was said and why.

Property 'still falling'

By OUR CITY STAFF

PROPERTY values continue to fall and have further to go, according to Richard Peskin, chairman of Great Portland Estates.

Over the past three months, lower values within the group's portfolio have been reported by Hillier Parker, the agent, Mr Peskin says, and despite the recent cut in interest rates he expects the trend to continue.

But a 26 per cent rise in rental income to £27.9 million in the first half of the year

more than made up for higher gross interest charges of £9.1 million, against £6.7 million last time.

Higher interest rates also boosted Great Portland's investment income so that net financing charges were almost static at £4.34 million. In the half year, £2.57 million of interest was capitalised, compared with £2 million in 1989.

Property trading income from Bride Hall, the associate company, slumped from £1.8 million to £558,000. Pre-tax

profits rose from £16.2 million to £19.7 million, an increase of 22 per cent, and the board has declared an interim dividend of 3.4p per share, 13 per cent higher than last year.

Though the lettings market remains patchy, there is reasonable demand for the right product at the right level of rent, Mr Peskin says. He is optimistic that second-half profits will be broadly in line with those of the first half. Great Portland shares slipped 3p to 217p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

AAH lifts payout but profits at standstill

AAH Holdings, the healthcare and building supplies group, is increasing its interim dividend by 10 per cent despite a standstill in taxable profits at £16.1 million during the six months to end-September. Directors declared a first-half dividend of 4.95p a share, against 4.5p, payable from earnings of 15.3p a share, down from 15.9p.

Trading profits rose 10 per cent to £18.2 million on turnover of £546.8 million. But the interest charge rose from £400,000 to £2.1 million after the launch of AAH Meditel, which provides research information, and expansion of the retail pharmacy chain. Healthcare services earned profits of £11.6 million, but the contribution from building supplies slipped from £3.3 million to £2.8 million.

Crossroads Oil surplus

CROSSROADS Oil, the oil and gas explorer based in Utah but quoted in London, reports net income of £16,700 for the six months to September, against losses of £93,200. Earnings a share were 0.04p (0.31p loss). The company said that the benefits of a deep drilling programme in Louisiana, together with higher oil prices, would be felt during the second half.

East Surrey Water payout

EAST Surrey Water is paying a maiden interim dividend of 3p a share for its first six months as a public limited company after converting from being a statutory water company last December. The company has reported taxable profits of £1.72 million for the six months to the end of September on turnover of £8.31 million. Earnings were 11.8p a share.

Rentaminster loss

RENTAMINSTER, the Third Market employment and training services group, passed its dividend after full-year losses following exceptional costs. The company slid to a pre-tax loss of £901,000 in the year to end-June, against a profit of £309,000 in the previous 13-month period. The company underwent shareholding and management changes this year. The loss was largely due to an exceptional debit of £846,000. There is a 7.43p loss per share for the year, against earnings of 5.5p last time. In the previous 13-month period, the dividend was 2p.

Randfontein sacks 1,100

WEAKER gold prices and rising production costs have cost 1,100 South African miners their jobs at Randfontein Estates, a member of the JCI mining group. The company will concentrate mining efforts at its Doornkop section on higher-grade zones. Randfontein's net profit has fallen 55 per cent to R153.2 million (£30.9 million) since 1987.

'Record level for copper'

MIM Holdings, the Australian base and precious metals group, expects western world copper and lead consumption will be a record this year, and that consumption of zinc will almost be a record. Sir Bruce Watson, chairman, told MIM's annual meeting that demand for copper, lead and zinc remained firm. Any suggestion "must be questioned".

Bowater in \$1bn deal

BOWATER, the packaging, printing and coating and laminates group, has signed a 12-year exclusive \$1 billion contract with Dynaschem Electronic Group of America to supply a range of printing and coatings materials. The contract will take up the capacity of Bowater's new \$26 million coating plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina, but the plant can easily be expanded to cover other products, says analysts. Bowater's earnings rose to \$1.1 billion in 1989.

Credit cards used less, says survey

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

PEOPLE are using their credit cards less than a year ago, according to a survey published by Abbey National today. The bank, which does not have a credit card, says the main group to cut down is the 25- to 34-year-olds. In this group 42 per cent said they were using credit cards less compared with 22 per cent who said they were using them more. Almost a third of cardholders claimed to be using them less, although in the 18 to 25 group, 41 per cent said they were using them more and only 25 per cent had cut down. Abbey National

said the decrease in use indicated concern to control spending. High mortgage rates probably had the greatest effect on 25- to 34-year-olds. The introduction of annual charges by two credit card companies was another factor. The survey of 2,000 was carried out by Mori before last month's bank base rates cut. Barclays said credit card turnover was rising more slowly than inflation. About 500,000 active card users had cancelled accounts since the annual charge came in. Several hundred thousand dormant accounts had been closed.

Clyde to buy BP Dutch interests

By MARTIN BARROW

CLYDE Petroleum, the UK independent oil company, has agreed to buy BP's exploration and production interests in The Netherlands for £68 million, to be financed from resources.

The portfolio includes interests in 23 offshore exploration blocks, with an average interest of 37.5 per cent, and two onshore areas. Clyde will assume the operation of nine

offshore blocks, including the Q/8 producing field.

Production of assets being acquired is 14 million cubic feet of gas a day, rising to 17 million by 1994. Clyde's existing production amounts to almost 45 million. Cash flow from operations in 1989 was £8.2 million. Clyde is expected to take responsibility for the operations by the end of next month.

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In the City at least, the government's far-ranging proposals for reform of telecommunications will be much of a damp squib. The ending of the Mercury/British Telecom duopoly, the opening up of trunk networks to other users and many of the minor details had been well signalled in advance for those with the power to interpret the sign language.

The changes are in line with the pro-competition policies for telecommunications that have been in force for most of the Thatcher years and that will surely be recalled as one of their unqualified successes. It is easy to forget that 10 years ago, there was no choice of service, customers were not allowed to buy their own phones and cellphones were a mere boffin's dream.

That said, the next decade will see British Telecom under increasing pressure from Mercury, its sprightly rival, especially in the field of international calls. BT may well lose substantial business to the Government Data Network, to the existing cellular phone operators, which

will in future be allowed to run fixed services, and to the cable TV networks, which will have freedom to offer telephone services with their soap operas and B movies.

But the pressure comes mostly on BT's top line, its revenue growth. Shareholders have become increasingly aware that its operating ratios still compare unfavourably with others internationally and there are great swathes of dead wood inside the organisation yet to be pruned away. BT still has the ability in a growing market to maintain strong earnings growth if it is determined about good house-keeping.

Mercury will go from strength to strength. It alone of the actual and potential competitors to BT has anything like the infrastructure and critical mass necessary to take speedy advantage of the equal access provisions of the government proposals. But equal access is at

least two years away in practice. It will take that long to install software for BT to cope.

Euromarkets

The heads of Europe's stock exchanges know there is a great deal at stake when they meet in Dublin on Thursday. The decision on how to develop a pan-European stock market could determine where the financial centre of the European Community will be located in the next century.

The debate is focusing on three distinct proposals. There is Euroquote, which in its initial phase promises to be a screen-based company news and share price information service, available throughout the EC. The second and third phases would

introduce bargain confirmation and dealing facilities.

Eurolist is the second proposal for the development of cross-border share dealing. This suggests a unification of listing requirements in European Community countries, which would allow large companies to trade on all 12 of the member states' stock markets.

Britain is backing the third scheme, the European Wholesale Market. Details are still sketchy, but this would involve the creation of a thirteenth European Community stock market, a screen-based system which would quote prices on all major European and international shares. Sounds familiar? It is distinctly like Seaq International, the Stock Exchange's current system, which carries 80 per cent of Europe's cross-border share

deals. The Stock Exchange claims to have the backing of practitioners for its plans. If the European Wholesale Market triumphs, it may well confirm London's dominance in European equity business.

Eurolist by contrast poses a real threat to the City. If European investors can buy shares from their local exchange, they would no longer need to bring their business here.

Sharp move

Lord Sharp's appointment as a non-executive director of Carlton Communications City scoots suggestions of City pressure to oust Michael Green as chairman and chief executive. The story looks to be a classic case of crossed wires with the wrong interpretation attributed to advance whispers of board changes at the group. Yesterday's announcement had been planned

for some time and would have been earlier but for the fact that Lord Sharp, former chairman of Cable & Wireless, has been on a trip to Japan introducing his successor.

Those close to Green say that there has been no institutional pressure for change at the top. He is said to be agnostic about the eventual need for a separation of function as his fast-growing company becomes even larger. But he is the sort of self-made man who would never have such moves forced on him prematurely.

The appointment of Lord Sharp is a coup for Carlton. Under his leadership, C&W left behind the civil service culture which dominated before privatisation and became as hard nosed and commercial as any of its competitors. In the process, its profits grew from £62 million in 1981 to £527 million last year. Lord Sharp's arrival should help with the restoration of confidence in Carlton which has been taking place over the past few months following a period when the group's shares were almost in free fall.

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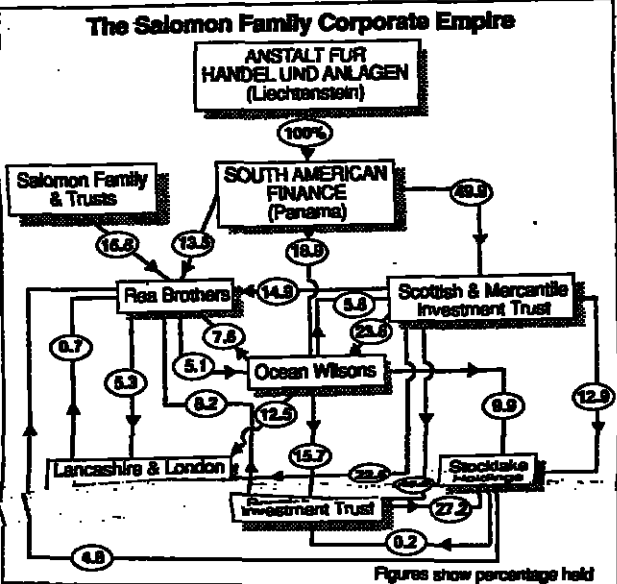
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Untangling the web of Salomon's empire



THE attack on Lancashire & London Investment Trust has thrown a spotlight on the empire of the late Sir Walter Salomon, one of the last great City moguls. Anglo-Scandinavian Trust, formed barely a year ago, is intent on breaking up Lancashire and the other trusts in the group to realise their asset values.

But it has been blocked by a web of cross-holdings that has ensured the group's safety for more than 30 years.

Anglo-Scandinavian has fired the latest salvo in the battle. It has used the little-known section 214 of the Companies Act to discover the true beneficiaries of Anstalt für Handel und Anlagen, the mysterious Liechtenstein trust which holds the key to control of the entire group.

Section 214 allows any shareholder with more than 10 per cent in a company to order the board to issue 212 notices to any other shareholder. A section 212 notice requires a shareholder to reveal the true beneficial owner of any shares.

Despite this approach, the true nature of the trust is likely to remain a mystery. Liechtenstein trusts have no shareholders. Instead they have holders. Handel und Anlagen is headed by Dieter Timm, a Swiss businessman and former director of the group's founding charter and their own judgment.

But the Salomon family admits to close links with the trust. It was used by Sir Walter as the foundation for an empire which today stretches over three investment trusts, two overseas traders and Rea Brothers, a merchant bank.

The trust owns 100 per cent of South American Finance, a Panamanian holding company. This in turn owns 49.9 per cent of Scottish and Mercantile, the largest trust, and 13.5 per cent of Rea Brothers.

These, through a network of cross-holdings, give the trust and the Salomon family control of all the trusts except Lancashire & London, where

they wield an effective 40 per cent of the votes.

Sir Walter, a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, built his industrial and investment fiefdom in the Fifties and Sixties around Rea Brothers.

The structure worked like a Swiss watch. The trusts and Stocklake, an African trading group, and Ocean Wilsons, a Brazilian shipping company, provided management and corporate finance business for Sir Walter's City interests. The trusts, in turn, were tame investors for the industrial companies. But Sir Walter was obsessed by security, perhaps a legacy of the upheavals he suffered when young. He

three trusts. He claims to be unaware of the workings of the trust, but says his family has never benefited from it.

"It was simply something that was never discussed at home. When I joined Finsbury and started to look at the different companies, I kept asking myself why everything was so complicated. There were things I simply didn't understand."

Since 1989, Finsbury has tried to simplify the structure. Two companies, Northern Shipbuilding and Fashion & General, have been wound up since they were little more than shells. The number of cross-holdings has reduced. Ocean Wilsons, for example, now has a modest eight links to other group companies; it used to have eleven. Each trust has been given a distinct focus. Lancashire, for example, is intended to specialise in smaller companies. Other changes are under way.

But William and his colleagues at Finsbury have a new priority, to defend the group against Anglo-Scandinavian. The showdown is due on December 6, when Anglo-Scandinavian has ordered an extraordinary meeting at Lancashire & London, to demand that the trust should be wound up and that Sir Walter Salomon's managers, should be appointed to run the trust instead of Finsbury.

Anglo-Scandinavian holds 28.2 per cent of Lancashire, 10.6 per cent of Scottish and Mercantile voting shares and 15.8 per cent of Scottish Cities. The investments have taken up a large part of the £20 million it raised when it was floated last year.

Richard Granville, Anglo-Scandinavian's chairman, was attracted by asset discounts of up to 30 per cent on the trust's share prices. These are even larger once discounts on the cross-holdings are taken into account. The prize is a rich one if Anglo-Scandinavian finds how to unlock the trusts. But Sir Walter's empire looks unlikely to succumb easily.

NEIL BENNETT
Banking Correspondent

Warburg quality shines through

TEMPUS

INVESTMENT bankers are already looking battle-scarred from the effects of the invasion of Kuwait. Even a firm as strong as SO Warburg could not avoid a 35 per cent fall in the six months to September, and made it clear that things were not getting better.

Volumes in corporate finance and equities, Warburg's two main streams of business, have been hit badly. The fall in world equity markets following the Iraqi invasion also caused a decline in profits of 11 per cent to £25.21 million at Mercury Asset Management, Warburg's 75 per cent-owned subsidiary.

Last year's revenue included an estimated £25 million from the formation of Isocoles. The firm has stayed ahead by innovation.

Despite the setback, Warburg is continuing to develop. Forty per cent of its staff now work overseas, and the company is becoming a force in corporate finance throughout Europe. In the short term, the outlook is bleak, particularly for Mercury. At least both Warburg and Mercury held

their interim dividends at 4.5p and 5p.

Warburg should make £120 million in the year, putting its shares at 303p on a price/earnings ratio of 10. Mercury's prospective p/e ratio is also 10, if it reaches £46 million. Unexciting in the short-term, Warburg's quality is attractive for investors with longer outlooks.

De La Rue

DE LA RUE's sharply improved interim profits performance — pre-tax up from £16.6 million to £28.3 million — owes more to better management than to good luck.

Shot of the previous loss makers, which tore a nasty hole via provisions in last year's accounts, and blessed with firmer order books, De La Rue looks more confident than for some time. The trick now is to improve productivity further within the business it knows best, and restore profits — and their

quality — to their former glory.

The net interest paid, at £1.33 million compared with a net receipt of £1.34 million, is a hangover from the exit from Crosfield and reflects redundancy payments. An interim dividend maintained at 3.25p is no more than can be expected in uncertain times, though a higher final seems likely.

The 21.7 per cent stake previously held by Robert Maxwell is now with 40 different institutions, which clearly take the view that De La Rue is set for better days. Possible pre-tax profits of £67 million (£38.5 million) put the shares at 270p on a prospective rating of 9, equivalent to an 8 per cent discount to the market. They remain worth backing.

Unigate

THE market is used to thin rations from Unigate. In the six months to end-September, the motor and distribution side hit a cyclical downturn, operating profits falling from

£12.9 million to £5.4 million. The fresh food side was flat at £11.6 million and property profits halved to £1.4 million.

The original milk side did well, rising 12 per cent to £11.3 million, poultry recovered and the American restaurant business prospered, helped by translation at \$1.56. The fall in pre-tax profits from £44.2 million to £41.5 million, down 3 per cent, was still bad enough for full-year forecasts to be downgraded. With poultry relapsing again, underlying second-half profits will be no better, even before the lower property contribution. On £95 million for the full year, the shares at 266p would sell at 9.4 times earnings and yield 7.7 per cent on an unchanged dividend.

Following the forced exit of Larry Goodman, the main excitement lies in the appointment of Ross Buckland, formerly of Kellogg, as chief executive. Unigate certainly needs to focus itself as a food company and develop brand strengths. Unigate is an income stock with medium-term potential, but there are clearer bargains around.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Chescor's jewel in the crown

LIFE has taken an exotic turn for Russell Middleton, former managing director of ANZ McCaughan Securities, which pulled out of British stock-broking this year. For Middleton, now a director of Chescor, a merchant bank based in London's West End, is masterminding the launch of a mutual fund that plans to invest in just one country — India. While some foreign financial houses, including Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley, manage such funds, it is the first to be launched by a British finance house. "India is well placed to outperform most markets in the region," says Middleton, aged 43, who severed his links with ANZ McCaughan in August. "I have been visiting India for six years and usually find myself with some stockbroker somewhere." A new company, Somerset Chescor, is being set up to run the fund, which will be managed in Bombay and sponsored by an Indian bank. "It is something I have wanted to do for a long time," adds Middleton, who began his career with McCaughan Dyson, the Melbourne institutional stockbroker that merged with Capel-Cure Myers in November 1987.

Punter's debut

ONE of the most successful punters the City has known is poised to make his debut as a fund manager — provided, that is, that someone will hire

him. But if track records are anything to go by, Graham Morris should have little difficulty. Morris, a building contractor in Bournemouth, has called the market successfully on more occasions than he cares to remember. He claims to have predicted the Eighties bull market, and at the time of the 1987 crash held 90 per cent of his portfolio in gilts and 10 per cent in put options. "I read anything and everything to do with stock markets," says Morris, aged 40, who claims to know intuitively whether to buy or sell. The former Ladbroke index described him as his most consistently successful client, and Morris now plans to offer his services to British investment houses. The future, however, does not look too hopeful. If his predictions are correct, the FT-SE 100 will fall from its present



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Hurley-burly

TERRY Hurley, the former Chicago commodities dealer who came to London in 1984 to set up Merrill Lynch's equity sales desk, was making the most of his spare time this week. For Hurley, now the company's director of equity trading in Europe, has been chosen to head the Security Traders Association for a second two-year term. "We are often consulted by the Securities and Exchange Commission on rule changes and other issues," says Hurley, aged 56, who joined Merrill in 1978 after a five-year spell with the Chicago Board of Trade. "The screen-based trading systems have become too quick for people, and we like to stress the human element." In addition to his new stint as governor of the 6,500 member STA, Hurley is chairman of the International Equity Dealers Association, a London version of the STA. "There has been little contact between competitors since the old trading floor closed, and this is a way of correcting that," he adds.

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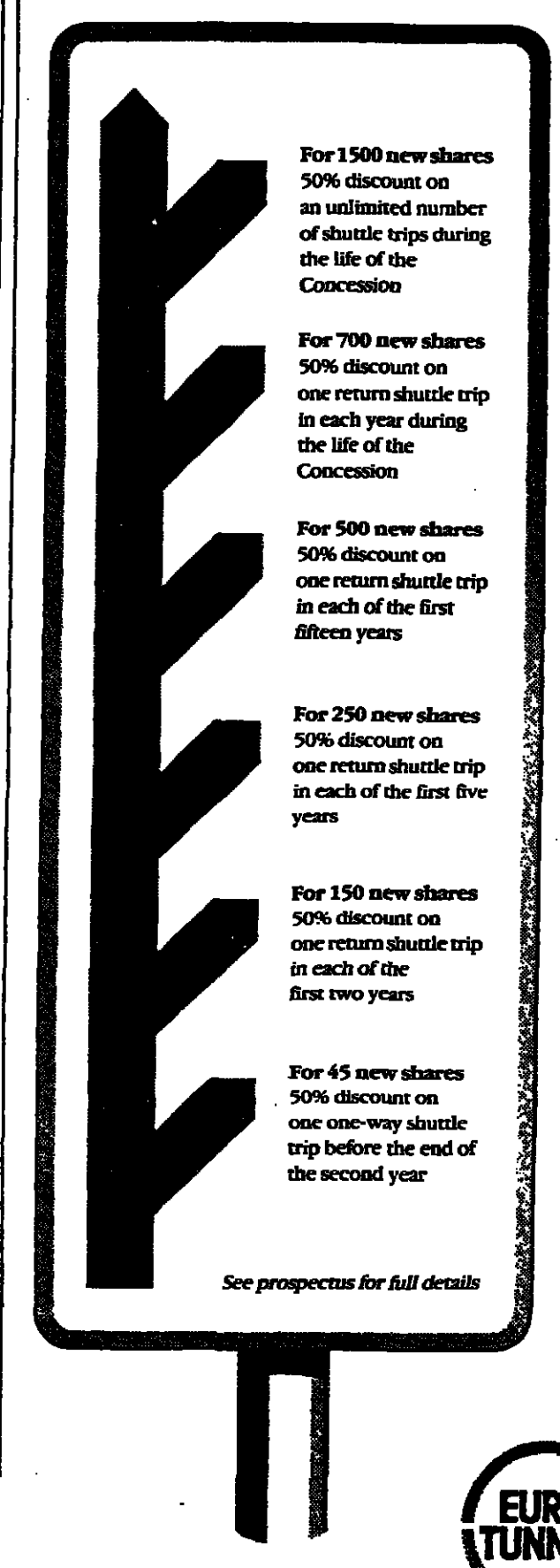
SIR Nicholas Goodison, the publicity-shy head of the TSB Group and former chairman of the International Stock Exchange, clearly believes in setting an example for his employees. For he has turned down the chance to bid for TSB 1, the latest in a string of

personalised car number plates to be released by the transport department. The plate, thought to be worth between £25,000 and £35,000, is to be auctioned by Christie's on December 7, but Goodison has no plans to attend. "That seems an awful waste of money," says Goodison, aged 56, who prefers to spend his spare time studying the history of furniture, clocks and barometers. "It's a form of ostentation in which we would not indulge." Other numbers due for auction include 1 FT, valued at between £15,000 and £25,000, YEN 1 which might fetch £15,000, and TAX 17, ideal for the Inland Revenue, and with a price tag of £10,000.

Logical Vulcan

WORRIED by their falling firm economy, the inhabitants of the tiny Canadian town of Vulcan (population 1,400), have hit on an unusual way of attracting business. They are turning the town into a Star Trek theme park. Vulcan, Mr Spock's home planet in the television series, aims to have the park open in time for the release of Star Trek VI, the feature film, next year, which marks the 25th anniversary of the first series. As well as building a Star Trek museum, hosting annual Star Trek conventions and beaming down a statue of the Starship Enterprise onto the highway, traders have taken to wearing pointed Vulcan-style ears. Quite logical.

JON ASHWORTH



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British Airways in talks on German airline venture

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

Dogfight: the battle for control of routes into Heathrow has stimulated a debate on foreign ownership of US carriers

Continental Airlines, which is carrying heavy debts, is also

both international and domestic capacity for US airlines will increase 8 per cent this year

the next three months could see a major rationalisation of the industry, leading to a

debits of \$750 million, made profit in the second quarter of \$103 million, but this was after asset sales.

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The commission said community audio tape purchasers had "suffered a significant prejudice" because of

period. Sales declined 8 per cent despite an increase in consumption of 30 per cent.

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Racal Telecom

of bid from British Aerospace

SHARES in Racal Telecom, the Racal Electronics subsidiary, jumped 19p to 278p as speculation gathered pace that a full bid may be on the way. British Aerospace, down 13p to 236p, remains the speculators' best bet.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal Electronics, announced plans this week to demerge Racal Electronics' interests in Chubb and Racal Telecom and lead a management buyout for the rump of the business. This has led to suggestions that BAe may launch a full bid for Telecom. Such a bid could receive the backing of some institutions which are dismayed at the performance of the shares since they were first floated. But last night brokers doubted such suggestions. Racal Electronics ended 5p higher at 187p.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed an early market-up, helped by overnight gains in New York and Tokyo. But towards the best gains were held as sentiment was overshadowed by another shaky performance by the pound. Dealers reported a two-way pull which reduced a early 19-point rise in the FT-SE 100 index to just 4.1 points at 2,056. The appearance of a few sellers raised turnover to 422 million shares as the FT index of 30 shares rose 3.9 to 1,593.6.

Government securities lost a lead of $\frac{1}{2}$ p to finish virtually unchanged.

Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, fell 15p to 145p. It looks as if Smith New Court, the broker, has taken a line of 5 million on its books. The group's own broker, Cazenove, was also forced to find a home for a further time of 1 million shares. But claims that Cazenove had downgraded its profits forecast seem wide of the mark. The company is in its close season and is not talking to anyone.

PA&O, the shipping, property and construction group, fell 15p to 469p after BZW confirmed it had downgraded its profit forecasts. Ian Wild, Acas, Daryll Phillips's market shares slide from a year's high yesterday. Analysts are worried of "recession-proof" acquisition profits forecast for the current million. We should hear soon from

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May

Source: Datastream

PA&O shipping side finds th

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Index jumps 1,000 points

Tokyo

WORLD MARKETS

Index	Value	Daily Change (%)	YTD (%)
The World (free)	586.5	1.1	-
EAFF	108.3	1.1	-
EAFF	993.4	2.0	-

P&O: shipping side finds the going difficult

The graph shows two data series over a 12-month period from November 1982 to November 1983. The Y-axis represents the index value, ranging from 450 to 700. The X-axis represents the months.

- Share price:** Represented by a solid line. It starts at approximately 600 in Nov 82, peaks at nearly 700 in Jan 83, then fluctuates between 600 and 650 until May 83, before declining to around 550 by Nov 83.
- FTA oil share price index (Reeeco):** Represented by a shaded area. It starts at approximately 550 in Nov 82, peaks at nearly 650 in Jan 83, then generally declines with some fluctuations, ending at approximately 480 in Nov 83.

Both indices show a significant peak in early 1983 followed by a downward trend. The share price index (Reeeco) consistently tracks below the share price line throughout the period.

Source: Datastream

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Index jumps 1,000 points

Tokyo
PRICES closed sharply higher on external factors and share index for foreign equities related

Index	Value	Daily change (\$)	Year change
The World	566.5	1.1	—
(free)	108.3	1.1	—
EAFE	993.4	2.0	—
(free)	102.1	2.0	—
Europe	594.6	0.3	—

Party change (%)	Daily change (¢)	Yearly change (¢)	Daily change (US\$)	Yearly change (US\$)
22.8	1.5	-24.0	1.3	-18.1
22.9	1.4	-24.0	1.3	-18.1
26.2	2.1	-31.2	2.2	-22.2
28.3	2.0	-31.4	2.2	-22.4
27.9	0.3	-18.2	0.5	-4.7

Quebec	2392.16	(-0.7)
S&P Composite	317.78	(-1.70)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	23973.57	(+1041.85)
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	2998.97	(+49.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack	951.66	(+0.8)
Amsterdam:		
CBS Tendency	94.8	(+0.1)
Sydney: AO	1348.8	(+13.2)
Frankfurt: DAX	1402.91	(+0.6)

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WORLD MARKET INDICES

News of a merger between	Nor America	388.3	-0.4	-
Saitama Bank and Kyowa	Nordic	1131.1	0.8	-
Bank in the late afternoon	(tree)	158.5	0.7	-
helled more gains.	220.3	3.3	-	-
The Nikkei average surged	Far East	3197.0	3.4	-
0.04187 points, or 4.54 per	Australia	238.1	0.9	-
cent, to 23,973.67 in moderately	Austria	1330.5	1.8	-
active volume of 400	Belgium	724.4	-0.1	-
million shares, compared with	Canada	387.1	0.0	-
20 million shares on Friday.	Denmark	1148.0	0.0	-
Monday was a national	Finland	64.3	-1.3	-
holiday for Emperor Akihito's	(tree)	87.6	0.9	-
enthronement ceremony. The	France	802.6	0.6	-
Nikkei's advance in terms of	Germany	695.3	-0.1	-
points was the eighth biggest	Hong Kong	1887.6	1.5	-
in the index's history.	Italy	280.7	0.5	-
■ Hong Kong - Stocks ended	Japan	3363.5	3.6	-
sharply higher on buying	Netherlands	725.2	-0.1	-
prompted by gains on Wall	New Zealand	57.5	1.8	-
Street on Monday and in	Norway	1175.4	0.6	-
Tokyo yesterday. The Hang	(tree)	208.0	0.4	-
Seng index jumped 49.41	Sing/Malay	1361.0	1.0	-
points, or 1.67 per cent, to	Spain	172.6	0.8	-
2,998.97.	Sweden	1170.6	1.8	-
■ New York - The Dow	(tree)	174.7	1.8	-
Jones industrial average was	Switzerland	728.5	0.5	-
down two points to 2,538.35	(tree)	111.0	0.4	-
in early trading after dropping	UK	610.4	0.1	-
to 2,534.65 at the opening.	USA	361.1	-0.4	-

(Reuters)

(Yen) Local currency.

Index	Value	Daily change (%)	Year change (%)
The World	568.5	1.1	-3.1

● New York — The Dow Jones industrial average was down two points to 2,538.35 in early trading after dropping to 2,534.65 at the opening.
(Reuter)

(free)	174.7	1.8	-2
Switzerland	726.5	0.5	-2
(free)	111.0	0.4	-2
UK	610.4	0.1	-1
USA	361.1	-0.4	-2

(p) Local currency. \$

17.8	1.8	-21.3	2.0	-12.0
20.6	0.5	-21.5	0.7	-3.1
20.4	0.5	-21.4	0.8	-3.0
55.3	0.1	-15.3	0.3	3.2
55.3	-0.2	-8.9	-0.2	-8.9

Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

MAJOR INDICES

New York	
Dow Jones	2392.18 (-8.17)
DAX Composite	317.78 (-1.79)
Telco:	
Nikkei Average	23075.57 (+1041.85)
Hong Kong	
Hong Kong	2998.97 (+8.87)
FTSE Eurofirst	851.68 (+0.84)
Amsterdam:	
CSB Tendency	94.6 (+0.8)
Syncom	1348.6 (+13.3)
Frankfurt: DAX	1402.91 (+0.67)
Brussels:	
Generale	5140.75 (+12.6)
Swire	426.51 (+0.8)
Zurich: SCA Gen	476.2 (+3.3)
London:	
FT - All-Share	602.08 (+1.14)
FT 100	1052.92 (+1.18)
FT. Gold Mines	126.2 (-1.1)
FT. Food Interest	88.48 (+0.09)
FT. Govt Secs	80.35 (+0.00)
Swedish	
SEAO Volume	62.94
USM (Datastream)	104.94 (-0.02)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISERS:

GOIC	470hp (+8)
Grainings	370hp (+8)
Racial Telecom	277hp (+18)
Amersham	287hp (+11)
Merray Dockie	167hp (+12)
Realstar	145hp (+12)
Commercial Union	465hp (+4)
A Karshaw	450p (+10)
Royal	371hp (+11)

FALLS:

Beaulord	124p (-10)
Liberty	815p (-10)
Lapins	70p (-10)
Turistall	57p (-8)
Independent	180p (-25)
Pillingston	145p (-15)
Contin Aerospace	122p (-10)
Enterprise	610p (-9)
Gerton Eng	135p (-10)
Eurochem Units	342p(-7)
Coates & Newman	90p (-10)

(2000)	330	27	33	45	25	36
Brk Tote —	800	1	15	24	70	77
(2000)	280	4	18	28	2	13
(2000)	280	5	917%	19	27	

Cash	300	6	45	11	39	41
(Selling)	300	12	39	34	21	41
Gulf	330	8	18	19	58	58
Gulfstream	360	8	18	19	58	58
(7-18)	300	12	39	34	21	41
GECC	100220	23	33	22	45	45
(7-18)	100	48	15	4	1	22
Hessco	100	21	8	12	10	22
(7-18)	200	1	4	10	21	40
Latham	120	22	1	14	25	45
(7-18)	400	25	-	-	-	-
P&G	400	1	18	40	45	22
(7-18)	500	14	40	45	22	45
	550	1	12	20	54	84

November 13, 1986 Total: 29728 Calls Underwritten

TRADITION

Plant Condition	Last Dealings
November 13, 1986	November 13, 1986

Cash options were taken out at \$1.35
 Brent Wiggins, Jacks Estates, Eric Pines
 Put & Call: Tucker Plac.

RECEIVE

EQUITIES

Atlantic Resources	
Buckley Real Estate	1550
CHW Group	36
Casella Cahn (pop)	
Dermotree Inc Ltd (100p)	
ECU Tel	
EFM Jewell Tat	
Feder Paper	190
Flaming Euro Tt	68
Golden Vale	
Invergordon	134
Leading La New	
Lewinstreet	
M&W Pte	75
Malaysia Capital	50
Marine Radio	
Nutan Industries	
Penamont	

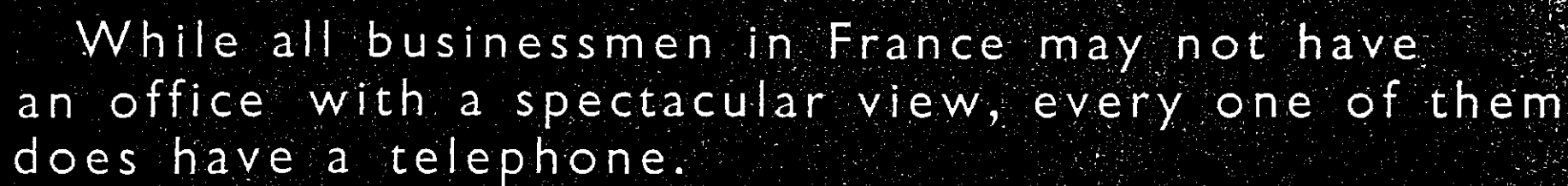
130	120	13	18	19	2
(128)	130	8%	9	18	7
	140	2%	8	8	14
Vital Records	80	12	15	18	4

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NT ISSUES

37	Pelican Gp
+4	Proseus Int
+2	Satch Healthcare
29	St James Place
24	Smaller IT
23	Stand Platform
+38	Tt Euro Gwth
-5	Utd Energy
+46	Utd Uniform
-1	Wig Tote App
2	
22	RIGHTS ISSUES
+1	Arccadian N/P
85	Caudon N/P
76	Euroturnal Pack N/P
8	Prop Tst N/P
	Propeller N/P
	Vivet N/P

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An excellent opportunity for a Spanish speaking secretary to work for an international Research Co. The job involves full secretarial support with every opportunity to take on responsibility immediately. You'll be a graduate with a genuine interest in educational research. Age 25-35. 3rd jobber.

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Circa £18,000 pa

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We offer an excellent salary, 26 1/2 days leave plus bank holidays, genuine career prospects, some travel and a job of infinite variety and real challenge.

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Spanish/French
£18,000

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Your excellent organisational skills will be used to the full when working for the M.D. of this international & professional company. You will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Director's private office, liaising with the French Director, organising travel, correspondence, telephone, fax, and other secretarial duties. 50 wpm typing & previous sales experience an advantage. Age 25-35. Turkish Secretary £16,000 + BENEFITS
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Detailed planning permission for a programme to rejuvenate a 20-acre site overlooking the Royal Docks at Plaitow Wharf, east London, has been granted by the London Docklands Development Corporation to the architect, the Safford Group, on behalf of Tate & Lyle Sugars. The first phase includes the restoration of Tate & Lyle's post-war former office building to provide 37,000 sq ft of offices. The group has also received consent for its proposals to refurbish a 110,000 sq ft warehouse on the site, which was designed in 1908 for the White City exhibition and reassembled in the early Fifties.

The last main redevelopment in the Fleet Street area of London, now bereft of national newspapers, is expected to start soon with proposals for Northcliffe House, one-time hub of Associated Newspapers and former headquarters of the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*, now relocated in Kensington. The scheme, which has support from English Heritage, involves the retention of the listed facade of the 64-year-old block on the site flanked by Bouverie, Tudor and Whitechapel streets, and will take in 18-22 Bouverie Street, once the headquarters of the *News Chronicle* and the old evening *Star*. Some of the old presses will form a feature in the proposed atrium of the new office block.

Other European cities have recorded increases. In Paris, prime rents have risen from £38 to £47, and in Frankfurt from £22.50 to £28. Brussels rents went up by 15.3 per cent from about £10 to £11.50 and in Madrid the increase was 15 per cent, from £30 to £34.50. Across the world, the markets in London, New York and Chicago are the most sluggish, reflecting the depressed state of the British and American economies, with rents either rising slowly or falling. Top prime rents in the City of London fell by 8 per cent in the past year while in the West End they remained static. Tokyo is still the world's most expensive office location. Total

occupation costs equate to £126 a sq ft, followed by London with £93 in the West End and £88 in prime City locations. In London, Healey & Baker says, the attractions of language, staffing and the financial environment outweigh the disadvantages of high costs.

The report says that in both the City and West End, demand remains buoyant for the larger quality buildings able to attract blue-chip companies, but this is not the case for smaller second-hand space, where take-up is slow. The reform of local business taxation in April 1990 has made tenants on existing leases cautious of committing themselves to new leases and thus double overheads, but developers are increasingly prepared to take on these existing commitments in order to attract new tenants.

An important boost to the London market came with the decision to locate the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development here, and in the past year many large Japanese securities houses and banking organisations, including Daiwa Securities and the Industrial Bank of Japan, have agreed on terms to occupy space in the City.



A rent of just below £55 a sq ft for a 15-year lease has been obtained for Skandia Property Management's Trafalgar Place development. Johnson Matthey, the precious metals and advanced materials technology specialist, is moving from Hatton Garden, near London's Holborn Circus, to establish a new head office there. Allan Messing of Sinclair Goldsmith, which, with Matthews & Goodman, advised Skandia, says: "The West End office market, despite some recent comment, is still showing good tenant demand."

Angus McIntosh, the head of research at Healey & Baker, said that in all European cities over the past year there had been an increase in the number of international tenants and investors taking up offices. "The deregulation of financial markets has boosted the emergence of the global property investment market, in terms of sources of finance and the destination of investment funds," he said. "There are increasing numbers of global property funds particularly active in major European cities."

London offices by Knight Frank & Rutley confirms the difficulties facing the market. The company reports that in the past six months, the market has moved from a landlords' to a tenants' market. In such a situation, the rent war in the City is continuing, with rents dropping by between 10 and 15 per cent during the latest quarter. Developers are taking a bearish view of the market and are therefore willing to dispose of buildings at reduced prices in the expectation of further declines in rental levels. Take-up levels have fallen significantly. Total let space stands at 1.13 million sq ft in the

third quarter, while tenants are taking longer to complete deals because of the increased choice of space available and the assumption that rents will continue to fall. Developments under construction represent the equivalent of about 18 months' total demand. This new office space is likely to be more lettable than the secondhand space that forms most of the 17 million sq ft now on the market. Knight Frank & Rutley predicts that rental growth will occur in the new space, but this is some way off.

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RUGBY

Fouroux makes bid for power with renewal programme

By CHRIS THAU

THE seemingly innocuous seven-point programme for the renewal of the French game, presented by Jacques Fouroux at a meeting of the committee of the French federation (FFR), has thrown the body into disarray.

Devised with the contribution of Jacques Seguela, a journalist and an adviser to President Mitterrand during the 1981 elections, the document demands priority for the game, generosity, enthusiasm and youth, support for the values of sport, concentration of expertise and experience, respect for differences of opinion, open government at all levels, and a commitment to the future: in other words, it is a benign set of generalities far better suited to a political manifesto than the no-nonsense world of rugby.

The document represents the electoral platform of Fouroux and his friends. The programme, signed by 21 members of the 35-strong French committee, represents the last episode in the bitter power struggle between the new generation of administrators, led by Fouroux, and the old guard of the FFR president, Albert Ferrasse.

The signatures at the bottom of the programme were a vote of no-confidence in the federation committee. According to the statute of the FFR, the committee — the power base of the anti-Fouroux faction — must resign

and be replaced within two weeks. The "barons" of French rugby, the presidents of the leading rugby regions, have lost out to the chairman of the lesser rugby "counties" from the north, centre and east. Significantly, two members of the committee, Guy Maurette and Charles Durand, have signed the proposal alongside Fouroux.

According to one scenario, Ferrasse was one of the victims of the coup engineered by Fouroux. Another school of thought suggests that Ferrasse must have been aware of the situation and thrown light on several other controversial issues affecting French and international rugby.

"This was the end of a generation. It is the beginning of a renewal in French Rugby," Ferrasse said. "Jacques Fouroux has tremendous qualities. He is a hard-working man full of enthusiasm, and very capable. He is a winner. He has a tendency to go too far too fast... it is his temperament. He needs to be restrained from time to time."

The controversy was precipitated by a vitriolic attack against Fouroux by the president of Agen club and vice-president of the FFR, Guy Basquet. While Ferrasse was touring Australia, Basquet accused Fouroux of anything from incompetence to dishonesty. Fouroux resigned

from his position as national coach and chief selector, and only a federation statement that cleared him of any wrongdoing prevented him from suing for libel.

Ferrasse, who was hurt by the debate, was torn between Basquet, his friend for 50 years, and his heir-apparent, Fouroux.

But Basquet's more conservative outlook in commercial matters, including the question of amateurism, enjoys Ferrasse's support.

Ferrasse said: "On the amateur status, we decided to retain the status quo in France. At the international board meeting, France has abstained. Had we voted against we would have killed the proposal of New Zealand and Australia. But the French committee has agreed unanimously that the players should not make money from the game. I've always been in favour of payment for loss of income. I don't want players to lose money by playing the game. But I don't want them to make money out of it."

"The British will find out to their own chagrin that the elitist structure they have adopted is *carte blanche* for professionalism. We have been fighting a rear-guard battle against French clubs paying their players for quite a while, and a new accounting system now in place makes it increasingly difficult for clubs to abuse the system."

Alix Ramsay discovers the delights of playing squash without the rackets

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Fives alive: Trying out one of the two new glass-backed rugby fives courts at Oxford University, the first of their kind to be built in this country

Expansion potential is high for fives

RUGBY fives is a simple enough game to understand. It is a game without the rackets, played on a small but important difference.

The faithful had gathered in Oxford to watch the first challenge match on the university's two new glass-backed courts at the Iffley Road gym. Backing on to the famous track where Roger Bannister made history, the courts are making history, too. The first of their kind in the country, they are designed to make rugby fives a spectator sport.

It all marks a resurgence in

the game. Fives has long been associated with boys' public schools — the three variations of the game are named after Eton, Rugby and Winchester — and most of the 60 courts are sited in schools or universities.

The art of being a good fives player is knowing where there is a court to play on, but that is changing. The Rugby Fives Association (RFA) is making a determined effort to organise itself and the game across the country. With around 2,000 players but only 150 RFA members, there is plenty of room for improvement.

"The game is played by a lot of people but there is no central co-ordination," Jane Fuller, the

RFA secretary, said. "The RFA is trying to target players at clubs to know who is playing and where. If we don't get organised, the game could die out."

Following Oxford's lead, Manchester YMCA is in the process of building four glass-backed courts. The club is home to Wayne Eastone, the undisputed No. 1 in the world.

Eastone is a cheery soul who never stops smiling when he plays, even when he is running headlong into a wall in pursuit of the small, leather-bound cork ball. At 35, he has much to smile about. He has won every national singles title bar one since 1973.

"I think a lot of other sports

can learn from fives," he said. "I understand why other people adopt the attitudes they do but we just play to enjoy the game. There is a tremendous enthusiasm for the sport and people will travel miles to find courts and get a game."

While fives players feel they have to be fitter and faster than squash players, the game is not all about muscle. "Anyone can go out and hit the ball hard," Eastone said. "But it is the mental aspect and the strategy I enjoy most."

"My doubles partner, John West, is not a big man and not as powerful as me, but his strength lies in his tactics. He has

coached me in that." West and Eastone won the national doubles title six years running.

Fives is a relatively cheap game to play; all you need is a pair of gloves, a ball and a court. Most schools do not charge for the use of the courts and are delighted to see them being used at all. With women coming into the sport more and more, and Eastone seeing lots of young talent at his club in Manchester, fives has a great deal of potential.

But one word of warning. If you want to play rugby fives at Rugby School, you will not be able to — they have just knocked down the courts.

New breed go under microscope

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE private and the public sectors of rugby in England will come together at Lonsbury today when the Rugby Football Union's technical staff meet the new breed of club coaching administrators. Both are professionals in a sense, but whereas the other side is paid by the governing body, the other is funded by individual clubs.

The backgrounds of many of those involved are similar, but the purpose of today's discussions is to find common ground between the sectors, for the general benefit of the game. An initial stumbling block, for example, could be the fact that by accepting positions as coaching directors, individuals are automatically excluded from coaching representative sides, and, indeed, the specific XV's of the clubs by whom they are employed.

It requires a vivid use of the imagination to believe that Barrie Corless, of Northampton, Colin McFadyen, of Bristol, Tony Ross, of Leicester, Mike Mahoney, of Newcastle, Geoff Smith, of Bath, and Terry Burwell, of Newbury, divorce themselves from preparation of their respective first XV's. That must be particularly true when it is the results of those first XV's they are likely to be judged, however simplistic a judgment that might be.

The terms of reference for the five differ, so the RFU officials will seek a common thread in three areas: those of club administration, player development internally and player development externally. In the first area they will endeavour to discover the reaction of the coaching administrators to the club structures they have found and whether they have been able to have a significant effect on it.

The RFU's technical men will be interested to hear of the work achieved in terms of youth development in a wider area than just the club of their relationships with schools and local authorities.

Smith admonished after club enquiry

By GEORGE ACE

STEVE Smith, the Ballymena international hooker, has been admonished by his club.

Smith was involved in an off-the-ball incident with his Garryowen counterpart, Derek Murphy, in last Saturday's All-Ireland League game. Smith is alleged to have struck Murphy, who sustained facial injuries which required two stitches and was substituted at half-time.

Officials of both clubs discussed the incident, which went unmentioned by the referee and touch judges after the game, and it was agreed that Smith acted under extreme provocation.

An emergency committee meeting at the Ballymena club decided to reprimand Smith, who will play against Munster's College in Dublin on Saturday. The biggest crowd at a club match in Ireland will gather in Cork on Saturday for the first division match between Constellation and Munster, the first of three Munster clubs sitting at the top of the table. The third is Garryowen, who, like Shannon, are based in Limerick.

There are those in Ireland who believe that Smith acted under extreme provocation. A Munster club won the first

division championship because of their addition to ten-man rugby. That is nothing more than poppycock, and the utterings of those who opposed the introduction of the All-Ireland system and now have eggs over their faces.

"It has been the greatest thing to happen in Irish rugby in my lifetime," says one of the country's most able administrators, described the effect of two divisions operating for the first time this season.

"There is a lesson to be learned from the way the Munster clubs are playing their rugby; it is all about passion and pride and total commitment," Miller said.

Shannon and Garryowen have maximum points from three games and Constellation six from four, losing a little luck to Ballymena earlier in the season. Malone almost certainly booked a place in division two next season, losing to Wexford, their fellow strugglers, at Glenties Park.

Pride of place was taken by Garryowen's fiery display at Eaton Park, where Nicky Barr, the stand-off half, played a leading role behind a pack that played with an intensity of purpose that the Ballymena side could not match.

Bates and Evans back to stiffen Tigers' line

By DAVID HANDS

IAN Bates and Barry Evans will return to Leicester's back division for the Courage Club Championship match with Bath at Welford Road on Saturday, the first of two significant games since they met in the Pilkington Cup third round on November 24.

Bates will resume his centre pairing with Dodge, since Burnmore has not played senior rugby for a month because of a knee injury. Leicester hope to include Gissing, whose form has improved so much this season, in their second row against a Bath side unchanged from that which beat Harlequins.

Gloucester and Bristol, though, have made amendments to their league XV's. Gloucester move Marmont to full back against Saracens because Tim Smith has a broken nose, and prefer Sims to Brain in their second row. Bristol, who play Orell, move Thomas to captain and Andy Peto, as England goal shooter, to the back three, leaving a place at prop ahead of Hilton.

London Scottish have been joined by Harry Roberts, whose name has been associated with three other clubs this season. The hooker was linked with Richmond (to whom he moved last season) and Wasps before appearing once more in Leicester's colours this season.

Now however, a Scottish family link will see him play in the Exiles' second XV this weekend. Simon Robson, who toured Australia and Fiji with England in 1988, is reconsidering his future with Moseley, who have yet to win a league match this season. The scrum half has not been seen during the past fortnight, during which time Bruce Fensley has been preferred.

Will Carling, the England captain, returns to the Harlequins team for the league game against Northampton at the Stoop on Saturday.

Gloucester have completed safety work at Cardiff Arms Park and will play Saturday's match between the Barbarians and Argentina to go ahead.

NETBALL

Weakened East on top

By LOUISE TAYLOR

EAST triumphed in the inter-regional tournament held in Ipswich last Saturday. Their win came at the end of a day that had opened in chaos when it was discovered that newly laid all-weather courts at the Northgate Leisure Centre were so slippery as to be unplayable.

The teams were transferred to three old, unused courts, and play resumed, leaving South East — last year's winners — second, East Midlands third and North-West fourth.

It was an impressive achievement for East, who were without Kendra Lowe, the England vice-captain, and Trudy Peto, an England goal shooter, who were recovering from flu. South East missed Sally Young, the England goal defence, who had a twisted knee but she will be fit to start in the first of a three-match series against Australia at the

Gateshead Leisure Centre on Saturday night.

The action moves to the Granby Halls in Leicester on Wednesday night, and climaxes at London's Docklands Arena a week on Saturday.

Wendy Hale, from East Essex, has dropped out of the England place going to Lisa Driver, a goal defence from Derbyshire.

With England fourth in the world and Australia second, the fixtures at Gateshead and Leicester are already sell-outs. The matches are unlikely to be in the international rankings, as England have a record of almost unmitigated defeat against Australia and to win even one encounter against the visitors would be on a par with Leyton Orient eliminating Liverpool from the FA Cup.

Peril in red blood cell pumping

IN A book just published in the United States, Dr Robert Voy, the former chief medical officer for the US Olympic committee (USOC), makes an alarming prediction. "I am sure it won't be long before a high-profile American athlete kills himself using erythropoietin," Voy writes.

His concern at the threat to life of a performance-enhancing drug which is thought to be in widespread use among endurance athletes but which, unlike anabolic steroids, is virtually undetectable — is so broadly shared by the American medical profession that the manufacturers called a symposium in New York.

Dr Voy, who is also a physician, says that the drug, which increases the haematocrit — or percentage red cell volume in blood — among patients suffering from anaemia due to kidney failure. Its advantage to endurance athletes is clear. As one speaker, Dr John Adams, president of the New York Blood Center, put it: "The more red cells you have, the longer you can run fast."

An increase in red blood cell volume adds to the oxygen-carrying capacity of an athlete, raising energy levels. Blood "doping" by transfusion is a known problem to the sport — the Finn, Kari Mäkinen, admitted that the practice had helped him win the 10,000 metres in 1980 — and blood doping by drug-

DAVID POWELL reports on a non-detectable drug endurance athletes are resorting to but which is a threat to life

taking is making it worse, according to a panel of speakers, including Dr Peter Snell, winner of three Olympic middle-distance gold medals in the 1960s.

EPO has two obvious attractions to the user. Unlike blood doping by transfusion, it does not require trained medical assistance, nor does it carry the risk of infection.

"Used appropriately it can be remarkably effective, but used inappropriately it can be highly dangerous," Dr Voy said. "The drug is a potent vasoconstrictor. It is within the 37 to 49 per cent normal range, the haematocrit can become dangerously high. Beginning with haematocrits in the 50 to 55 per cent range, blood viscosity (thickness) rises sharply, increasing the chance of clotting, strokes and heart attacks."

Voy, who worked with the USOC to advance drug-testing, adds in his book, *Drugs, Sport and Politics*: "I know for a fact that many athletes are using this hormone to pump up their red blood cell count. Another speaker, Dr Robert Voy, said that 'the drug is a potent vasoconstrictor' and 'increases the chance of clotting, strokes and heart attacks'."

Perhaps 15 have died in the past three years," Eichner said.

He elaborated on the danger to athletes who use the drug, which is a potent vasoconstrictor. "I am sure it won't be long before a high-profile American athlete kills himself using erythropoietin," Voy writes.

Dr Eichner said: "I am not so much concerned with getting the athlete to the finish line first, but with getting him there alive."

Dr Adams said: "Attaching a marker that could be detected

in a blood test is not a viable alternative. Modifying the EPO molecule or adding a detectable substance to the solution in which EPO is formulated could lead to medical complications for kidney patients."

However, according to Dr Arne Ljungqvist, the IAAF medical commission chairman, a research group which believes it may have identified a method of detecting EPO has applied to the International Athletic Foundation for a grant to further its work. Dr Ljungqvist said a decision was likely next month.

Tests by Professor Bjorn Ekblom, of the Stockholm School of Gymnastics and Sport, have indicated the EPO molecule is similar to the one used by Dr Eichner, and may gain as much as 1.5 seconds per minute of racing time. John Treacy, Ireland's 1984 Olympic silver medal winner who is resident in the US, said there was "a lot of cheating going on."

Daniel Vapnek, senior vice-president of Amgen, who manufactures the drug, said that it was available only by prescription. It had come on to the market in Britain in the last six months. "To get EPO would require a physician to be involved," Vapnek said. "It is extremely expensive, about \$4,000 to \$6,000 in the US (for a year's treatment) and 50 per cent more in Europe."

VOLLEYBALL

Cooper's cup call expected

By RODDY MACKENZIE

AUDREY Cooper, the Woolwich Britain Knights setter, is expected to make her first international appearance for England in the Pullman Cup in Luxembourg in January after switching allegiance from Scotland, the country of her birth.

Cooper has already trained with the England squad, and Paul Westhead, the coach to the England senior women's team, said he would like her to play in Luxembourg, where England will meet Austria, Finland and Israel, along with the host nation.

"I intend to pick my squad after the training camp the first week in December. We've lost Rehana Begum [of Hilton Leeds], who has withdrawn from the squad because of college work, and we would hope to use Audrey in Luxembourg," he said.

The Scottish Volleyball Association (SVA) has still not heard from the international federation (FIVB) about Cooper's status, and Nick Moody, the technical director of the SVA, expressed surprise that Cooper's international debut for England was perhaps imminent. He confirmed that the SVA had given permission for Cooper to train with England, but it is believed the association is investigating the possibility of seeking a transfer fee for her.

Cooper, aged 25, easily fulfils the criteria for international qualification to play for England, having left Scotland to work in London eight years ago. She has spells at Hillingdon and Ashcombe before joining Brixton in 1988, and has twice been voted player of the year in England, in 1985 and last year.

She is following in the footsteps of one of her Brixton team colleagues, Lyn Tennant, who has represented both Scotland and England after moving south of the border.

Cooper has not played for Scotland since 1987, and wrote to the SVA earlier this year to request permission to play for England.

"I still think there's a couple of years left in me at this sort of level," she said.

OVERSEAS CRICKET

McDermott lifts Test hopes

By SIMON WILDE

QUEENSLAND extended their unbeaten sequence of Sheffield Shield results in Brisbane when they beat Victoria by nine wickets inside three days over the weekend. The state has now taken 11 first-innings points at the Woolloongabba only once in the last four years.

Craig McDermott, who has considered leaving Queensland to play for Australia, has been bowled out for 141 and 176. Hick was again dismissed cheaply for Queensland, falling to Hughes for five, while Lehmann struck 81 in his first Shield match for Victoria.

Western Australia almost opened their Shield campaign in embarrassment. Left a target of only 87 to beat Tasmania in

Perth, they lost eight wickets before it was rescued by Marsh, who scored his first century of the season in all matches and put on 111 for the seventh wicket with MacLennan (72), who will play for Somerset next season. McPhee took ten wickets in the match for Tasmania.

Transvaal lost their unbeaten record when they lost to Natal by 67 runs in the second leg of the first Test match of the season. Transvaal, who had won the first leg, nevertheless reached the semi-finals, winning Sunday's play-off by four wickets. The competition's innovative use of substitutes has yet to receive the backing of the public: neither match attracted a large crowd.

Clive Rice, the Transvaal

captain, would like to see the new regulations altered to allow a fielder to be substituted before an innings begins rather than only after it is under way. In Durban, he had to wait until the completion of the first over of Natal's innings before he could replace Pieters, who is recovering from serious knee problems. Pieters, the only batsman to pass 1,000 first-class runs in South Africa last winter, has yet to find any sort of form.

Eric Simons, a medium-pace bowler, continues to be in destructive mood for Western Province. In the first round of the Natal's innings before he could replace Pieters, who is recovering from serious knee problems. Pieters, the only batsman to pass 1,000 first-class runs in South Africa last winter, has yet to find any sort of form.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL: 7.30 unless stated. European championship: Group two Bulgaria v Scotland (Vassil Levski Stadium, Sofia, 4.0).

Group seven Republic of Ireland v England (Linsdown Road, Dublin, 1.30).

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Weymouth v Crawley.

LARGESIDE WINDOWS CUP: First round, first leg: Canterbury v Dover. Second round, first leg: Barnet v Chesham.

FOOTBALL CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Everton; Sheffield Utd v Newcastle; Sunderland v Leeds (7.0). Second division (7.0): Barnet v Preston; Bolton v York; Bolton v Grimsby; Hull v Scunthorpe; Middlesbrough v Port Vale; Stoke v Wigan.

OVERSEAS PAPERS: COMBINATION: Brighton v Luton; Tottenham v Norwich (2.0); Oxford Utd v Tottenham; Portsmouth v Southampton (2.0); Reading v Huddersfield.

VALDIALE LEAGUE: Second division: Tring v Tisbury; AC Dales Cup: Second round: Stirling v Redbridge; Forest v Hendon; Wrexham v Llanelli (7.45).

LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff v Swansea; Exeter v Gloucester; Aldershot v Leyton Orient; Cambridge v Peterborough; Plymouth v Walsley; Walsley v Exeter; Walsley v Exeter; Walsley v Exeter.

OTHER MATCHES: Leyton Orient v Arsenal XI.

RUGBY UNION: CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Cross Keys v Glasgow Warriors; Llanelli v Aberystwyth; Plymouth v Exeter; Exeter v Plymouth; Exeter v Plymouth; Exeter v Plymouth.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BRITISH COAL TOUR MATCH: Hull v Australia (8.0).

OTHER SPORT: BOXING: Commonwealth and British championships: Carl Cook v Tony Richards (City Hall, Sheffield).

ROCKY: Representative match: Cambridge University v Hockey Association XI (8.0).

SNOWKERS: Rotmans Challenge: Steve Davis v Stephen Hendry (Albert Hall, Glasgow).

SPORT ON TV: AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Cleveland Browns v Pittsburgh Steelers (18.00-19.00). Football: European championship: Highlights of the Republic of Ireland v Scotland (19.00-20.00). Football: European championship: Highlights of the Republic of Ireland v Scotland (19.00-20.00). Football: European championship: Highlights of the Republic of Ireland v Scotland (19.00-20.00).

BOXING Laing has a score to settle

KIRKLAND Laing, who has his first world title challenge in the new year, risks his big chance by defending his European welterweight crown against Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, in Campione tonight.

Laing will be receiving a record purse of £40,000, but he has another reason for taking the bout: to put right an injustice he perceived when he challenged Nino La Rocca 18 months ago in Italy.

"I was cheated," Laing said. "The system was rigged against me and the crowd was against me. I was robbed and it did me mentally."

The unpredictable Laing, at 36 Britain's oldest champion, insists there will be no mistake this time.

"Oliva is clever, but not as clever as me," Laing said. "He has never beaten anyone like me. I don't know whether I'll knock him out or stop him but it won't go past nine rounds."

Oliva has an impressive record. He won an Olympic gold medal in Moscow and then the World Boxing Association light-welterweight title. His only defeat in 52 contests came in 1987 when he lost the title to Juan Martin Coggi, of Argentina.

But Laing's manager, Mickey Duff, said his man was in the best shape since he fought Roberto Duran. That was eight years ago. Laing failed to cash in on that victory by disappearing for 12 months. Laing said there would be no more disappearing acts. "I'm here to stay," he said.

Watson off to Detroit to rebuild

By SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Watson is to follow in the footsteps of Dennis Andries. The Commonwealth champion, who lost his title to a train at the Kronk gym to rebuild his career after his defeat in a world title bout against Mike McCallum, of Jamaica, six months ago.

Watson said yesterday he had been invited to the Kronk by Emmanuel Steward, the director of the famous gym. He will leave for Detroit after his first bout in seven months against Chris Christie on Sunday at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Watson, who has split with his manager, Mickey Duff, because he claims his progress has been slower than that of Nigel Benn, the man he knocked out in six rounds, plans to have two more contests before challenging for a world title again in the new year.

Watson said: "I am bitter that things did not move on quicker for me after I beat Benn. I aim to put on a good performance on Sunday to show that I am not finished."

Defending his decision to come back against a man now well past his best and not too steady under pressure, Watson said: "The Christie fight is a chance to knock the ring rust out of me and get the ball going again. I am not taking him lightly. I believe he is training hard for this and it's a great opportunity for him."

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bowler's footholds had to be protected. "Australia had to bat on a 'sticky' and were all out for 58 in less than 13 overs, with fast bowlers Allen (5 for 36) and Voce (4 for 16), from dry, firm footholds, hurting their thunderbolts into a wet pitch. The best slow left-hand spinner in the world at that time, Hedley Verity, who had taken 14 wickets in one day at Lord's against Australia in 1934, was not given even one over.

Without, at this stage, engaging in an argument about covered or uncovered pitches, my purpose in emphasising this contrast is that umpires should not suspend play because playing conditions are difficult or inconvenient, but only if they are well nigh unplayable. The interests of the viewing public should be taken into account.

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, HOBART

Pakistani pearl: Waqar Younis could hold the key to the three-match Test series against West Indies

BOWLING: Younis 7-0-19-2; Raza 6-0-20-1; Mushtaq 6-0-31-3; Imran 8-1-28-1; Qadir 8-0-24-0; Amir 1-0-4-0.
Umpires: Siddique Khan and Riazuddin.
Men of the match: Imran Khan.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Lancing's attack on target

By GEORGE CHESTERTON

KING Edward's Witley, who vainly tried to go one up at the end of the first half by the bar. Thereafter, the first half went Lancashire's way and they crossed over four up, the goalkeepers Kemp and Moulding who had made it the interval, KES pulled their goals back but Powell put them beyond doubt to make final score 5-2.

The week, Lancaster visited Winchester, who left their goalkeeper with a broken finger in the first minute. Lanc were three goals ahead at half-time and Burton made it five before the corner.

Barnes drew 0-0
Bradford drew 1-1
Aston scoring for Elton short after half-time from a double rebound and Khaksar equalizing. Shrewsbury drew

live error by Shrewsbury giving Manchester an early lead before Acremash in his first match equaled them in 37 yards.

In the third round of the ESFA Trophy, Sunderland was a year's runners-up, defeated Doncaster 4-2. The scores were level at half-time, and it was against the run of play that Halliday made it 3-2 and Russell scored the fourth. Paul Wharmby scored an excellent goal from the short corner, on his father's suggestion, to give Newcastle a win over Bradford. The highest scoring of the round came when Kellogg and Canada defeated

By ALBERT DORMER

Perivian tournament. One heat was won by the merchant bankers, N M Rothschild and Sons. The other went to the Inland Revenue who, when they line up for the final, will be flanked by another qualifier, the National Audit Office.

The event caters for firms in the bridge-conscious field of financial services. Heats held in Edinburgh and Manchester were won by the Royal Bank of Scotland and the accountants, Cooper Lancaster.

Under the new Olympia entry rules — which Smith, as a member of the Olympia organising committee helped to draw up — ten riders on the national ranking list qualify plus the top six riders from the horse of the year show in October. Smith, who is sixteenth on the ranking list, yesterday accused the International Equestrian Federation of "not being the British Show Jumping Association of running a closed shop."

"There are a thousand and one good riders competing in England who can't get to the top shows," he said.

stroyed his confidence. Now he has been home working on his own course and has more conviction about his swing.

A prepossessing Englishman, a little known outside the trade, came inside it for that matter, triumphantly passed the fourth day and won a \$5 at La Grande Motte. He is Full Golding, of South Florida.

Three previous schools had been depressing. He made it last year but only in 89th place, which gave him the entrée to only two events on the Tour. Telephone on the Tuesday in each case to the club and he had to dash hurriedly to take and spare with predictably unimpressive results. Two more rounds, he says, and he would be able to pick and choose a little.

Among those who survived

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Bradfield drew 1-1 with Eton Anson scoring for Eton shortly before half-time from a double rebound and Khaksar scored for Magdalen. Shrewsbury drew 0-0 with Mansfield. Gloucester gave over to Shrewsbury giving Manchester an early lead before Arnsworth, in his first match, equalized from 30 yards.

In the third round of the ESFA Trophy, Sunderland, 19 years' runners-up, defeated Doncaster 4-2. The scores were level at half-time and it was a goal by the visitors which sealed the game. In the play-off, Huddersfield made it 3-2 to the home side. The fourth, Paul Wharmby scored an excellent goal from short corner, on his father's ground to give Newcastle a win over Bradford. The highest scoring of the round came with Ilkeston and Cammies defeat.

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